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On the Street

MESSENGER Editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a banquet to be tendered to Hon. Will C. Edwards, Denton editor, tonight at the Baker Hotel in Dallas. Bill is returning from a tour of the most interesting sections of England, France, Germany and Spain, and several of the boys of the press have banded together to give him a feed at the big Dallas hostelry; and it is hoped that the returned visitor will tell some thrilling experiences. Among those who will feast and make merry around the groaning board will be State Press of the Dallas News, Sam Harben, secretary of the Texas Press Association, Jim Lowry of Honey Grove, and lesser lights in the glorious profession, in which my old friend, Bill Edwards, shines with brilliancy.

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HUGE BOUQUETS are being tossed at Charley Longmyer and his road crew for the splendid and substantial bit of work they have done on the south end of the Meridian Highway. This section of the great road, for several months wearing badly, is now in first class condition. In fact, in the opinion of many, it is better than it has ever been. Longmyer, for many years interested in road work in Wise county, being head boss of the precinct one construction crew, was well equipped when he was called to the Meridian Highway job, and his labors since taking over the work have proven his ability as a road constructor. Travelers over the Meridian are making note of the splendid improvement taking place during the past month, and Monday the Messenger editor had occasion to go over it as far south as the Dallas turn-off, and we believe it one of the best pieces of roads we have seen in the state. Some good work has been done by the Longmyer crew on the highway thru the city, which was very badly needed.

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COMING back to Wise county recalls the visits I used to make in the long ago," said Ex Senator Joe Bailey to a crowd of friends after the speaking at the Chico picnic, "and it does me good to get back among you people. Thirty seven years ago I made a speech to a Chico crowd, and I never shall forget that splendid reception. I was a candidate for congress, opposing Judge Silas Hare. It was a warm campaign, and the political lines were tightly drawn in that race. Then and afterward I made by friends in this community, and I have never forgotten them." Someone in the crowd around Senator Bailey told this one on the lamented Jim Fulghum: A great gathering of men and women of the Chico country had come about as a result of the news being broadcast that Hare and Bailey would speak in the little city. Judge Hare was the guest of a friend, living near the home where Bailey was a guest. Near the time for the speaking, it is related, Jim Fulghum drove up in a buggy at Bailey's stopping place and invited him to ride down to the arbor where the speaking was to be held. Bailey, believing Fulghum a strong supporter of Hare, replied: "No, I thank you; but I would suggest that you drive over and get the old gentleman, Judge Hare, who is too feeble to walk the distance." Senator Bailey remembered the incident and when it was related he laughed heartily. At the Brown Hotel in Chico, following the greeting of a number of personal friends on the picnic grounds, the senator met three children of one of his staunch friends in his early day political struggles. They were the Picketts—Gus and the Misses Buggy and Electra. Colonel Pickett, in his day one of the most outstanding figures in Wise county politics, was a supporter of Bailey in his race against Silas Hare.

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NEVER has there been anything so courageous, so gallant, so dauntless as Captain Charles Lindbergh's facing the hazards of the Atlantic to make the flight from New York to Paris alone. His triumph gave a thrill to the entire world; his magnificent feat had about it a quality that set it apart as a thing unique. It is not often that with one accord we feel like getting up and cheering, but this is one of those too rare occasions. Both the man and what he has done warrant it. It was not known that his airplane could last the distance, a minimum of 3,600 miles. He was not guarded against disaster at sea, certainly not with a fair chance to survive. All his faculties, his skill, his strength would count for nothing if he lost consciousness in the night or was unable to endure the ordeal. He had to be both pilot and navigator, with no one to relieve him, with no aid to navigation but a compass and no experience in sea flying. Never has there been such intensity of interest in an adventure so fraught with peril. Here was an American to be proud of. The whole world roared applause. Lindbergh's name became a household word. What a man was this "Flying Fool." The nation was spell-bound by his splendid audacity. England was amazed and delighted. France took him to her bosom. The entire story is told in "The Story of Lindbergh, the Lone Eagle," written by Richard J. Beamish, member of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania and author of "America's Part in the World War." More thrilling than fiction and every word true. Messenger has made arrangements with the publishers of this great book, one that should be read by every American, young and old, to secure a number of copies, and an unheard-of offer will be offered to all subscribers of the Messenger. Watch for announcement, and make it your duty to get a copy of this book for your library. Beautifully illustrated, and containing the true story of Lindbergh from his cradle to the present.

CHICO HOST TO BIG CROWDS AT ANNUAL PICNIC

Speaking of Ex-Senator Bailey on Saturday Was a Feature

"Morris Sheppard will never disgrace the state; neither will he distinguish it—and Earle Mayfield clucked too loud to be of any service to the people of Texas, and he knows nothing about democracy," stated Ex-Senator Joe W. Bailey in a speech at the Chico picnic Saturday, addressing a large crowd that had gathered to hear him discuss the political issues of the day. Senator Bailey was introduced to the crowd by Editor Alex Whitehead of the Chico Review, who was presented by Hon. Lee Morris, merchant-banker and one of that community's outstanding citizens. Mr. Bailey was a guest while in Chico of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

"Before this country can return to the old standards and peace and progress will abound in the land, taxes and skirts will have to come down," said the senator amid much applause. He said he could stand the strain if his countrymen could. "There is too much modernism in this day and time; too many 'isms' and too many politicians. Let us return to the good old days, let us reconsecrate ourselves to the principles of Jefferson," stated the speaker. He said that he was opposed to high salaries for officers, citing the fact that Webster and Calhoun worked as public servants for six dollars per day, "and today we are paying Morris Sheppard and Earle Mayfield ten thousand dollars per year." He asked his hearers to compare Sheppard with Webster and Mayfield with Calhoun, and the conclusion, he stated, would be arrived at that we are getting cheated in service; that the tax payers are being filched for what they are receiving.

Senator Bailey mentioned his race for governor, in which he was defeated by Pat M. Neff. He said if the votes he received had been counted and properly tabulated his majority would have been in the neighborhood of seventy five thousand. He claimed a majority of the women in Texas voted against him on account of his outspoken stand against woman suffrage, but that a big majority of the men democrats rallied to his banner. "Many good women voted for me—not the cigaret smoking, bridge playing and home neglecting kind—the best of women, but their votes were lost or marked 'mutilated' and not tallied for me," he shouted, and the big crowd applauded the remarks.

He reviewed his work in the lower house of congress and as senator saying "When you people had Charley Culberson and Joe Bailey as your representatives in the senate you got honest service, and you were proud of your representatives. We fought your battles against all enemies of your party. Economy and efficient public service is what we contended for, and there was no wanton waste of the public funds in those days."

Terming the salary amendment as "possibly worse" than the others, Ex Senator Bailey suggested that tho it was easy to say that the governor of Texas should have $10,000 a year "it is worth inquiry, whether our governors have been able to earn $10,000 a year either before or after their terms. Certainly a man ought not to be paid more for public service than he can make in private life. No greater mis-

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U. S. Leads in Mail Service by Airplane

United States is far in the lead of the European countries in commercial aviation, with exception of passenger traffic. No other nation approaches the volume of mail and express carried by American airplanes, and even with a smaller passenger carrying business the commercial aviation mileage of the United States is expected by the end of the year to be almost equal to the total commercial flying mileage of all Europe. These statements were made in an interview recently with Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, in whose department is a division devoted to the encouragement of commercial aviation.

A new era in transportation is here, no doubt, and will bring about as many changes in the social and economic life of America as did the auto. Read what Hoover says about it in the August 5th issue of the Messenger.

EDWARDS IS PUBLISHER OF WASHINGTON PAPER

Denton, July 28.—Announcement was made here on Wednesday that Will C. Edwards, editor and proprietor of the Denton Record-Chronicle, has been made publisher of the Washington, D. C. Herald, and will begin his duties in a short time.

Mr. Edwards is well known thruout the newspaper world and also has been active in state politics and in Rotarian circles. He served as member of the legislature from Denton county and in 1924 was candidate for lieutenant governor, going into the run-off with Barry Miller.

Practically his entire life has been spent in newspaper work. When a mere boy he was correspondent and agent at Denton for The Dallas Morning News and represented them in that capacity for many years. He also has done staff work for many big dailies.

In 1902 he acquired the Denton Record-Chronicle from Wm. H. Reilly and Corbin Johnson when it was a small weekly. In 1903 he added a daily edition and has made it one of the most efficient small city newspapers in Texas.

Former Citizen Died at Home in Tyler Monday

Williams Spears, prominent citizen of Tyler, former resident of Decatur died at his home in that city Monday. About twenty-two years ago, Spears with his family moved from Decatur to Tyler, where he engaged in business. For years he was an honored citizen of Decatur, and his many friends among the old timers will be grieved to learn of his death. He was a son-in-law of the late Captain Andy Shoemaker, pioneer citizen of Wise county.

Surviving are his wife and four children, two boys and two girls.

TWO INJURED IN FIGHT ON FARM NORTH OF CITY

Owner Attacked Tenant Farmer—Released on $1000 Bond

In an altercation on the Everett farm in the Greenwood country last Friday afternoon, participated in by Mr. Everett and his tenant, F. A. Fagan, both combatants were painfully injured. For some time, it is said, bad feelings have existed between the two men, caused by some disagreement over rentals and land, and Friday afternoon they met in a pasture on the farm, and the fight occured.

Reports say Fagan was in the pasture looking for stray mules when Everett drove up in automobile. Hot words passed, when Everett, armed with a thirty-eight pistol, began clubbing Fagan over the head. The pistol, so the report runs, had been borrowed by Everett and he did not know how to operate it. An iron bar was also used by Everett on Fagan, who claims he was unarmed. Everett stated that Fagan was armed, and a search of the premises was made by officers, searching for a pistol.

When brought to town and treated at the offices of Dr. P. J. Fullingim and Dr. S. J. Petty both men were covered with blood. Fagan, in Dr. Fullingim's office, was treated for four severe wounds in his head. Everett, examined by Dr. Petty, was found to have escaped any serious injury, and the blood on his face and clothing was from the wounds he inflicted on the head of Fagan. One slight wound above Everett's left eye was caused, stated Fagan, by Everett hitting himself during the difficulty.

Everett was arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Oma Cartwright and Luther Craft and placed in jail, but shortly afterward was released on a $1,000 bond. He is the owner of a large tract of land in the Greenwood section, but his home is in Dallas. For several years Mr. Fagan has been a renter on the Everett farm. In last district court a suit was tried in which these gentlemen were involved, and since that time, state citizens familiar with the transactions between the two men bad feelings have existed.

Mr. Fagan has been a citizen in that community for a long number of years, and he bears a good reputation, says his neighbors.

Miss Frances Fullingim is attending a summer school in Boulder, Colorado, and in writing to the Messenger to have her paper changed to that address, she says: "I feel sorry for you heat suffers down there."

Fred Freeman of Denton, was here Tuesday.

Poisoning of Boll Weevil in Wise County Should Begin Early, Says Agent Jameson

At this time of year much is said but little done about the damage of the boll weevil to the cotton crop of Wise county. Agent E. C. Jameson has been very busy trying to get cotton growers in various parts of the county to poison the weevil and thereby reduce the damage of that insect to a very great extent.

It has been proved by repeated tests that the best poison to use for the weevil is calcium arsenate. And this poison is the most effective and also is lower in price than most of the other poisons.

Before poisoning a crop for the weevil it is wise to consider the probable amount of cotton that will be made per acre in order to see whether or not it will be profitable to use the poison. One can be sure that poisoning will be a profitable practice for him if he thinks that his cotton will produce a quarter of a bale per acre, but it is doubtful if it pays to poison cotton that will not produce at least that much.

Most effective poisoning is done by the use of a machine. These machines can be purchased for various prices, and some of them very cheap, considering the benefit that they will be to the cotton farmer. Hand machines are very good where there is not a very large acreage to be dusted. The machines range in price from six to twenty dollars, and one man with one of these machines should poison from five to seven acres per day. Machines that are horse drawn come higher, but they are capable of poisoning many acres per day and for that reason the cost per acre is small.

In poisoning for the weevil about five pounds should be used per acre, and the poison should be dusted on early in the morning when the dew is still on the cotton so as to make the arsenate stick longer.

Treatment should be repeated in about eight days, or sooner if a rain comes and washes off the poison.

Cost of calcium arsenate this season is about seven and one-half cents per pound; so the cost per acre, using five pounds per acre, would be around forty cents per acre—and when it is no higher than that it will be worth a cotton farmer's time and money to save at least half of his crop by the use of calcium arsenate. The time is rapidly coming when the cotton farmer must give thought to the fighting of insects as well as to the methods of plowing, cultivation and other practices that he follows in the production of cotton. It is easier and much more profitable to poison and harvest all the cotton that a farmer's land produces than it is to harvest half, not poison and give the other half to the weevil.

Good Premium List for the County Fair

Premiums to be offered by the Wise County Fair committee in the department of community exhibits should be sufficient to stimulate an interest on the part of neighborhoods to throw in their collective lots and bring forward exhibits to compete for these prizes. Fifty dollars will be paid as a first prize, and twenty-five as a second.

Exhibits should be composed of products of the farm, garden, orchard and the home department, inclusive of domestic economy. If any community is interested and desires the help and assistance o fthe committee, the same will be furnished if application will be made to secretary of the chamber of commerce, Cliff Cates, at Decatur. If it is desired to hold a meeting anywhere to organize for the effort, some member of the fair committee will be glad to attend and assist if notified of the meeting in advance.

WORK ON BEALL WELL RESUMED THIS WEEK

Work of removing the obstruction in the Hattie Beall well, east of Decatur, is progressing as the Messenger goes to press. New ten inch casing was moved on the ground yesterday morning to replace that which has been taken from the hole in the effort to dislodge the wedged drill stem. The work is progressing favorably, and drilling will be resumed in a short time.

Newark well, southwest of Decatur, is looking good, says a report from there last night.

Brumlow well, north of town, was spudded in yesterday, says a report.

No news has come from the Fred Milligan well in Greenwood section. Much trouble has been experienced by the operators on this test, and work has been slow, owing to disagreements arising among the promoters and the operating crews.

BOND HEARING IN WILL WATTS CASE MONDAY

In district court Monday morning at ten o'clock, before Judge F. O. McKinsey, habeas corpus proceedings in the Will Watts case will be opened by the defense attorney, M. W. Burch, for purpose of having the bail bond, set by Judge McKinsey several days ago, reduced. A $4,500 bond was set by the court at a previous hearing and this amounts, contends Attorney Burch, is excessive, and he will ask Judge McKinsey to lower it.

Watts, about forty-nine years of age, is charged by indictment with rape, the complaining witness being his daughter, Maude, fourteen years of age, who made a statement to County Attorney F. A. Davenport and Sheriff George Gage that her father abused her on five different occasions. These acts, stated the Watts girl, took place soon after the death of her grandmother, and when she was taken in charge by her father.

For several years the girl had been making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Watts, who died in the early part of June. Watts was arrested on complaint of neighbors, following an investigation of his alleged bad treatment of his daughter.

Since his arrest Watts has been in the county jail, while his daughter is being cared for by friends in the north part of the city.

It is believed that one of the largest crowds that has ever attended a court proceeding in Wise county will be in attendance when his case is called on Monday morning. It is probable that if the case is gone into in details, Judge McKinsey will promulgate a ruling that will bar young men and young girls from "listening in" on the proceedings.

Tag Sale for Reunion Quarters for Two Days

A bevy of the charming young ladies of the town, under the direction of Miss Bell Ford, will greet you next Saturday and Monday, neighbor, to hang a tag on your manly bosom. They will extract a small extraction from your plethoric purse, the combined total of which will be used to provide the old confederate soldiers with comfortable sleeping quarters for the occasion of their annual reunion in Joe Wheeler Park, August 10th, 11th and 12th.

AIR-LINE HIWAY IDEA IS GAINING IN POPULARITY

New St. Jo Bridge Adds Impetus—Meeting Here Monday

Decatur, thru its chamber of commerce, has shown a disposition to work and co-operate with any part or section of Wise county which is trying to obtain a better outlet to markets for its products thru and by the only medium that is available—good hard roads. In response to this sentiment a meeting that proposes to supply a highway to the north and northeast section of the county—to Greenwood, Slidell and to a great and needy section lying between these communities and Oklahoma City—was held in the chamber of commerce hall Monday night. The gathering was held at the solicitation of these communities and at particular urgence of the Wilson, Oklahoma, chamber of commerce, in the person of George Legate, its representative.

In attendance were delegates from Wilson, Oklahoma, St. Jo and the southern parts of Montague county, Greenwood, Fort Worth and a large representation from Decatur.

President C. P. Dodson of the local chamber of commerce presided. An explanation and appeal was outlined by Mr. Legate. He reported that the finest bridge ever constructed across the Red River to accomodate interstate, international and local travel over the road would be completed north of St. Jo about August 15th, and that a celebration to mark the event would be held about that date somewhere in the proximity of the bridge. Invitations were cordially extended to the event.

Mr. Legate pointed out the significance of what ultimately will become a great highway, important enough in its potential strength and promise to warrant the state and federal governments in allocating funds to aid in its initial construction. Already he said the near completion of the essential bridge crossing had influenced contigious sections on the east and west of the highway to begin efforts to build lateral roads to connect up with the main north and south stem.

With exception of about thirty miles a gravel or concrete highway now extends fromt he bridge all the way to Oklahoma City. Big oil fields lie on the route both in Oklahoma and Texas, and consequential big markets for Texas produced farm commodities. Southern Oklahoma and North Texas counties seek a market for farm and live stock stuff at Fort Worth by this proposed route, and long distance traffic allt he way to Canada would use it because of the shortened distance that would ensue from building a road over a direction that is as straight as a crow would fly north and south. A scope of country fifty miles wide east and west between Ardmore and Waurika on the Oklahoma side, and between Gainesville and Ringgold on the Texas side, now without highway facilities and outlets, would benefit by this road. Distance between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth would be materially reduced, leading to the utilization of the Air-Line Highway in preference to other and longer ones now in use.

S. H. Camp, head of the Citizens National Bank of St. Jo, former Montague county Representative Bob Cable and others of the St. Jo delegation stressed the improvements that would flow to the agricultural and commer-

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Popular Decatur Lady Wedded Childress Man

Miss Iris Brown of this city, and J. Earl Lesley of Childress, were married Thursday morning, July 28th, at ten o'clock in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. S. Boyd in Fort Worth, Rev. Eugene B. Hawk, pastor of the First Methodist church of that city, officiating with the ring ceremony.

Mrs. Lesley is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown, prominent citizens of Decatur for many years. She is attractive, winsome and talented. The groom is a business man of the Childress county capital.

After a short trip, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley will be at home in Childress, where Mr. Lesley has an attractive new home prepared for his bride.

HOME-MADE CANDLER FOR EGGS GREAT HELP

Eggs are still more or less plentiful at this season, and a little later on they will not be quite so plentiful. The result will be that there will appear the temptation to hold eggs before selling so that the price will go up some. Here is where the danger lies in that practice: On most farms, that is, general farms, and fruit farms too, where poultry is not given all the attention it should have, the males are permitted to run with the flock in summer as in the spring, when breeding is done. The eggs thus obtained are, therefore, fertile. With the hot weather of summer these eggs are very likely to start developing if they are held very long before selling. Eggs should be disposed of twice a week at least, preferably three times a week.

This, then, is one factor that affects quality in table eggs. Another is the fact that quite often hens will steal their nests and lay a number of eggs before the nest is discovered. Many of these eggs will be unfit for use, but sometimes they are included in the lot that is to be sold. This should be watched carefully and avoided. It is a good plan to have a home-made egg candler handy and test all eggs before they are sold. Such a candler is not difficult to make; a piece of stove pipe with a hole in it about the size of an egg will do very well. Set the pipe over the lamp so the hole comes opposite the flame, and by holding an egg up to this hole a great deal can be determined about the inside of the egg. A normal egg that is fit for consumption will appear clear except for the orange colored yolk, and the air cell will be very, very small if it is a strictly fresh egg; that is, a trifle less than the size of a ten cent piece in diameter. An egg that is dark or black shows that some embryo growth has taken place, is unfit for food.

It is difficult under some circumstances to maintain quality in eggs during the summer months, but it can be done. Hold eggs at a temperature of not higher than sixty-five degrees if possible; make sure that all eggs are gathered every night; sell eggs often—twice or three times a week, remove the males from the flock to produce infertile eggs; don't let eggs set in the sun on the way to market.

According to the reading of the state constitution "No senator or state representative shall, during the term for which he may be elected, be eligible to any civil office of profit under this state which shall have been created or the emoluments of which may have been increased during such term; no member of either house shall, during the term for which he is elected, be eligible to any office or place, the appointment to which may be made, in whole or in part, by either branch of the legislature." Plain, understandable reading, Mr. Voter; as plain as the nose on your face—as understandable as any law in the books! Yet, so the records show, eight members of the present legislature are serving on a commission in Austin, and drawing down healthy wages from the state treasury—ten "bucks" per day and traveling expenses. And, the information comes that every mother's son of 'em is poping loud and long for the amendments. Strange doings down Austin-way, Mr. Voter; better come alive to the conditions and knock off the day next Monday.

"It's a wonderful age we are living in. Serviceable bones are being manufactured from celluloid, and—"

"Heavens, it seems impossible."

"It's a fact, tho—I shot a game with a pair of them yesterday."

May—"I heard you had a new beau. How are you getting on with him?"

June—"Oh, very well. The first time he called he took Tootsie, my poodle, in his lap. Next time he took Baby Sis, so I s'pose it will be my turn next."

State Fair Cattle Show Will Be Greatest Ever

For forty-one years the State Fair of Texas has been bringing the best from fields and pastures before the interested visitors from the great domain of the southwest. For equally as long the breeders of Shorthorns have been, as is the fair, working to improve the quality of their product.

It is a marked change today, to see the modern Shorthorn as compared with the old fashioned kinds that paraded the tan bark at Dallas forty-one years ago. For styles in cattle change as surely as do styles in the clothes of women.

Forty years ago the ideal type of Shorthorn—universally called "Durhams"—was a wide, table backed animal, standing on long legs and with a tendency to long necks and an uneven carcass.

Now the modern Shorthorn is a short legged, deep bodied, even fleshed beast. In addition, the modern Shorthorn weighs in eighteen months what the old type did in three years. The breed has changed with the times and now a steer is matured in half the time of the older kinds—and this with no sacrifice of the famous milking qualities that have made Shorthorns known the world over as the ideal "farmer's cow."

The first improved cattle brought to Texas were Shorthorns, and the work they did to change the old fashioned long horn steer into an efficient beef package has brought untold wealth to Texas. And to the ranges it has brought better beef, matured in the shortest length of time. The State Fair of Texas has been possibly the most important factor in brining to people of this immense territory the actual proof of the merits of improved catle. The crowds that thronged the cattle barns at Dallas forty years ago took home lessons that have meant millions to them and the whole state.

Discouraged?

Probably the easiest thing in the world for most of us is to become discouraged.

It is inevitable that at one time or another we feel that our efforts are being wasted and that it isn't much use to try any longer.

Did you know that when Abraham Lincoln was forty-four he wrote to a friend declaring his career seemed doomed to disappointment and expressing discouragement in the strongest possible terms?

Not all of us, of course, can rise from our discouragements to do what Lincoln did.

But it's worth remembering. It ought to help spur us on to the new endeavor the next time we think we are out of luck.—Sand and Spray.

A New York messenger boy walking rapidly aroused suspicion and he was arrested for burglary.

Henry Ford and Aaron Sapiro have arrived at an agreement out of court, so reports say, and Henry is to pay something like $200,000 into the till of the industrious Jew. Henry, the same reports says, thinks the price is low.

GENTRY FAMILY HELD REUNION NEAR TOWN

On the Tom Gentry homestead, six miles south of Decatur, where Mr. Gentry has lived continuously for the past forty-three years, there gathered Sunday, July 17th, all of Mr. Gentry's children and a large number of grand children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and friends for a family reunion.

Mr. Gentry come to Texas in the early eighties from Mississippi, and shortly after reaching Texas he moved to Wise county. For two or three years he lived on the Harry Halsell farm, just southwest of Decatur, and then moved to the place where he still lives. Of the children now living Mrs. R. N. Rogers lives at Gallegos, New Mexico; Mrs. W. M. Rhine lives in the Brumlow community, north of Decatur; J. E. Gentry lives in the Joe Bailey community, south of Decatur; and J. H. Gentry and Mrs. Wallace Gregg live in Decatur. At the great spread of good things to eat for dinner there were forty-three persons to enjoy the feast.

Those participating in this happy family reunion were: Mrs. R. N. Rogers of Gallegos, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gentry, hosts to the group; Mrs. M. Anderson of Quanah, sole surviving sister of Mr. Gentry; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry and four children of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gentry and five children of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhine and four children of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregg of Decatur; Mrs. Arnold Giles and two children of Bridgeport; Mrs. Iva Hill and three children of Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson and two children of Decatur; Mrs. Hattie Anderson of Quanah; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rhine of Decatur; and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Walker of Decatur.

A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle. After a careful examination the doctor inquired:

"How long have you been going about like this?"

"Two weeks."

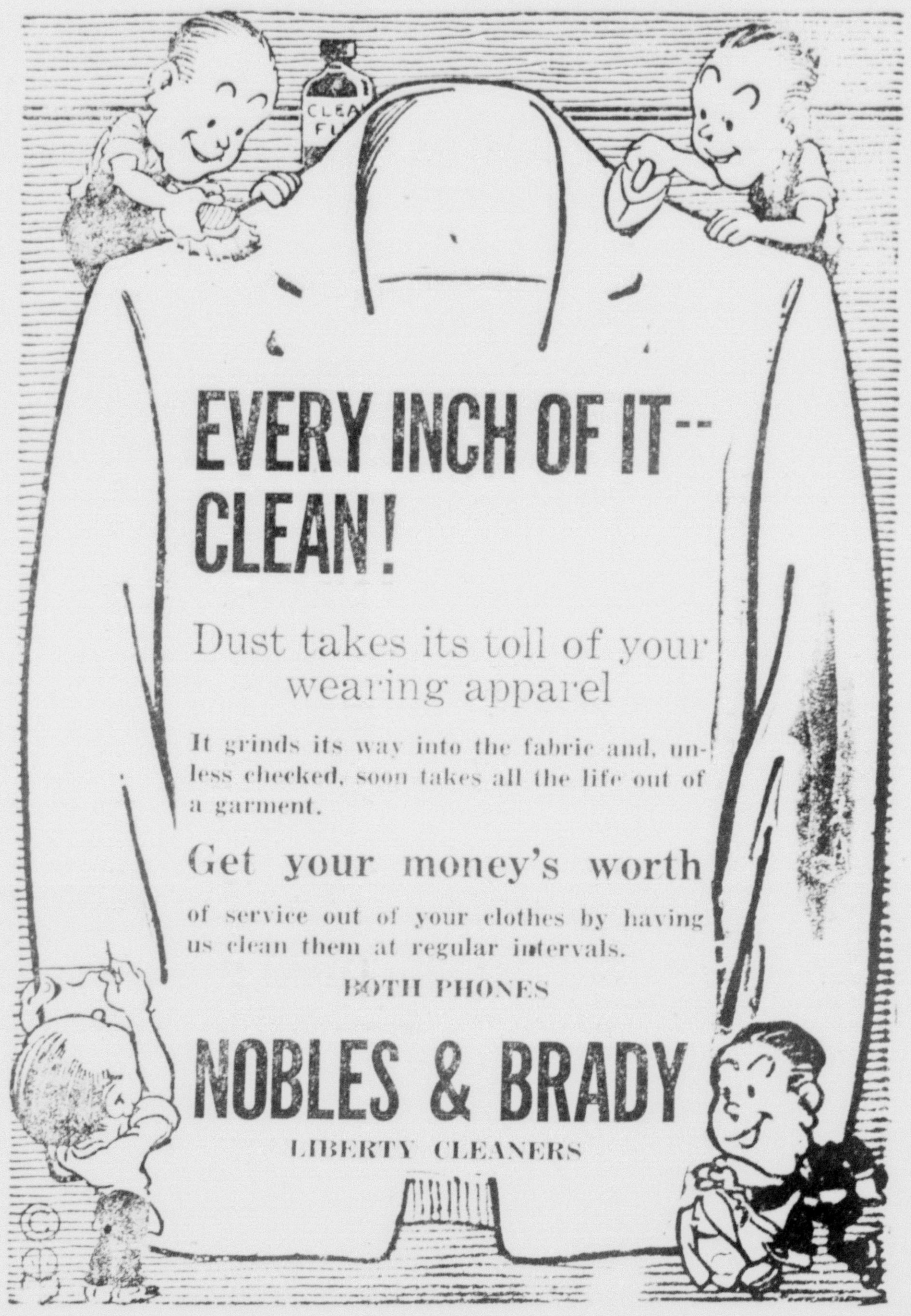
"Why, man, your ankle is broken. How you managed to get around is a marvel. Why didn't you come to me at first?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say anything is wrong with me my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."

A neighbor went early one morning to have her husband, a barber, cut her hair.

"Have you heard any news this morning?" she asked him.

"No!" he answered. "You're the first women that's been in."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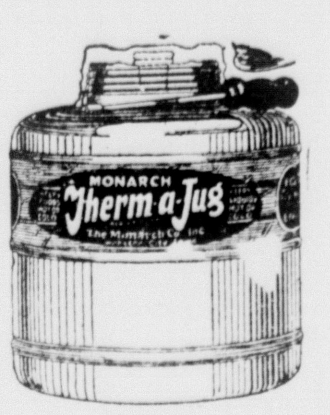
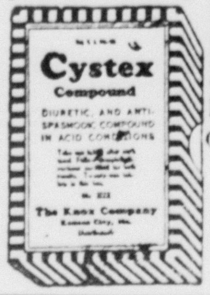

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This splendid tooth paste has many friends. More than a million satisfied customers used it last year. It cleanses and polishes the teeth and gives them new beauty. It imparts a fragrant freshness to the breath and leaves delightful sense of cleanliness. Has a pleasing flavor. Family size tube.

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35c Ender's Blades 29c
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$1.25 per Carton

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Chevrolets Being Used by Ice Cream Concern

Refrigerator automobiles, capable of maintaining a constant temperature of near zero denote a new advance in the adaptation of the motor car to every type and kind of transportation problem.

Twenty Chevrolet chasses were recently purchased by the Detroit branch of a national firm whose business is selling ice cream and ice cream products on the major traffic arteries in and around the city.

On every chassis is mounted a specially constructed body into which the refrigerator has been built as a unit. The refrigerator occupies the upper section of the body, while beneath it is the cooled compartment with a capacity of nine hundred and sixty bricks of ice cream. The temperature of this compartment, according to Pat Potter, special representative for the company, is maintained at from five to ten degrees above zero to insure that ice cream bricks and "suckers" will be sufficiently hard frozen to tempt the parched motorist.

"This refrigerator," Mr. Potter explained, "has a six inch insulated wall and capacity of three hundred pounds of ice and seventy-five pounds of salt. Average consumption of ice in twenty-four hours is one hundred and twenty-five pounds. This is packed into the tank thru an opening on the roof, and is sufficient to keep the ice cream appetizing in the hottest climate."

Every morning the twenty trucks at the Detroit office take on a fresh supply and then hurry to designated places around the city. All sales are made by the road-side from these portable store-rooms. Chevrolets were selected to carry the refrigerators, it was explained, in order to get rapid, economical and dependable transportation and at the same time neat and attractive cars with a "sales appeal."

In addition to the Detroit branch, others are operated in twenty-five leading cities extending from coast to coast in the United States.

Suitable Cotton Goods for Every Temperature

You can wear cotton to be cool. There are many kinds of cotton fabrics, each useful for a specific purpose according to the way in which it is made, the bureau of home economics of the United States department of agriculture says.

For example, if you want to feel cool you will dress so as to permit evaporation of moisture from the body, a process which requires a constant circulation of air thru the clothing. Cotton as a fiber is a good conductor of heat; that is, heat passes thru steadily. For coolness, however you must choose the thin, open, flat and smooth weaves among cotton goods, those which enclose no air and permit a maximum of air circulation. Fabrics of this type are voile, batiste, organdy, lawn and dimity. These materials do not absorb great moisture or perspiration. It is evaporated by air directly from the skin, giving the sensation of coolness to the body.

Advertise it in the Messenger.

Texas Blue Bonnet Legends Interesting in Explaining Origin of the Lone Star Flower

The blue bonnet has a history not as interesting perhaps as the thistle or rose, or fleur de lie of La Bell France, but interesting just the same.

Some years ago, Mrs. Lida Lee of Austin, gave the following story in regard to the Texas blue bonnet. It is interesting:

Blue bonnets which grow in profusion in Texas were brought from Jerusalem by Spanish missionaries to the southwest. Texas Folklore Society presents the suggestion as but one of the legends purporting to show how these popular flowers came into the Lone Star state.

Missionaries, so Mrs. Lee's account says, planted the seeds in the mission gardens where they grew and bloomed, and soon spread beyond the mission lands.

Another version of the legend is also given by Mrs. Mattie Austin Hatcher of the University of Texas, who had it from a woman of Mexico City: Prayers of the priests and pleadings of the people brought no relief from a pestilence which ravaged the land of the Aztecs. At length the god to whom they prayed proclaimed that a living sacrifice of some sinless human being must be made to atone for the wickedness of the people. An Aztec maiden offered herself. When she went up to the altar on the hill-side, her little bonnet fell unnoticed from her head and the next morning the ground around the altar was covered with flowers in the pattern and color of her bonnet, each splashed with the hue of her spilled blood. The pestilence passed and now the Mexicans call the flower "el conejo"—cotton tail rabbit—but in Texas it is the blue bonnet.

Mrs. Bruce Reid furnished another legend of Indian origin which she got from the late Jack Mitchell, whose people, she said, lived for fifty years among the Indians of the piney woods and cross timbers of Texas.

A great flood and a greater drouth followed a bitter winter which enveloped the land in a sheet of ice. All game was dead or gone; the Indians were not only starving but a disease broke out among them. It was clear that the Great Spirit had turned his face away. Day and night the medicine men chanted incantations, danced to the music of their sacred tom toms and mutilated their bodies for a promise from the angered spirit. At last the Great Spirit spoke. In pennance for wrong-doing, which had brought evils upon the tribe, there must be burned an offering of its most valuable possession and the ashes of this offering must be scattered to the four winds.

Among those who sat in discreet silence beyond the ring of anxious warriors gathered around the camp fire was a maiden too young for the heavy burden of womanhood. In the folds of her scanty garments she clasped a figure fashioned into the likeness of a papoose, with long braids of horse hair and painted to resemble her kind with the juice of various berries. She had robed it in a skirt, mantle and head-dress of blue jay feathers. She would almost have died before she would have parted with it. All night she pondered the question of sacrificing it. At last she arose from the side of her sleeping mother, seized a bit of smouldering wood from the tepee fire and slipped out of the tepee, praying that her offering might be accepted, built a fire of twigs and grasses and thrust her beloved papoose into the flames. The ashes she scooped up and scattered to the east and the west, and the north and the south. As she extinguished the remains of the fire and patted the earth smooth again, she felt something soft beneath her hand. Believing it a sign for which she prayed, she would have seized it, but found it rooted to the ground. The next morning around the spot where she had burned the image of the papoose, as far as the ashes had traveled in the early spring night breeze, there was a blanket of such blue flowers as had never before enriched the land-scape.

When the chief of the medicine men had heard the story and had seen for himself the expanse of flowers, he called the tribe together and proclaimed the command of the Great Spirit had been obeyed.

At once the verdure reappeared; gaily colored wild flowers covered the open spaces and the four footed things came back. Because of the buffalo, whose shaggy herds of old thundered across the far flung prairies were so fond of its succulent abundance, the blue flower was given an Indian name which the pale faces translated into "buffalo clover." It bore prodigious quantities of fertile seed and rapidly extended the limits of its growth.

Eight women have paid the death penalty for murder in the United States during the past twelve years, the last execution of a woman being in the year 1918.

Ether was firstt used as an anesthetic in a surgical operation on March 30th, 1842, by Dr. Crawford Long of Jefferson, Georgia.

Lady Astor says having a husband is a full time job. And how about being one?

Tearing Down of Old Buildings Here Begun

In the north part of Decatur the past week two more old shacks of buildings were torn down and gotten out of sight. Nobody will sing requiem, nobody will sorrow to see them go. They may have been good old structures in the past and forlorn days of home kept cows and buggy rides, but in this hour of automobiles and bottled milk had become antiquities and strictly out of form.

So there are two less of these old legacies to mar the otherwise fair landscape of the beautiful city of Decatur, a town that will become even more fair and beautiful in the proportion that its citizens move with success to the studied removal of old wrecks, hulls and houses from untroubled sight.

"A car?" stormed an angry father. "Of course you can't have a car! Why you would be absolutely helpless if you found yourself with a flat tire."

"Oh, no, I wouldn't, daddy," the daughter retorted confidently. "I've given flat tires the air before this."

B. F. Gilliland and family of Fort Worth, spent several days here with relatives.

Concert by Decatur Band Friday night, August 5th, court house lawn.

An English corporation has been organized to produce salt from the Dead Sea.

Laverne Handley Was Buried Here Thursday

Little Miss Brooks Laverne Handley eight years of age, died instantly Tuesday morning, eight-thirty o'clock at the home of her parents,Mr. and Msr. S. D. Handley in Bellevue. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church of Decatur. Rev. J. A. Matthew assisted by Rev. Hamilton officiating. Little Misses Elizabeth Lou Boyd, Frances Duncan, Mermila Mikework, and Polly Gilliland of Bellevue, playmates of little Brooks Laverne were the flower girls. The plbearers wereMessrs. R. L. Mayfield, W. I. McNeill, L. C. West, C. J. Aulick, L. S. Spivey, and W. I. Boyd of Bellevue. Interment was made in the Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Ted Borum was a Bridgeport visitor Sunday.

Band concert on court house lawn next Friday night.

ONE IN TEN

Neglecting a little wound, cut or abrasion of the flesh may in nine cases out of ten cause no great suffering or inconvenience, but it is the one case in ten that causes blood poisoning, lockjaw or a chronic festering sore. The cheapest, safest and best course is to disinfect the wound with liquid Borozone and apply the Borozone Powder to complete the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and $1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by **EMPIRE DRUG CO. — DECATUR**

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Pullman Company lost half a million in three months, which will afford fiendish delight to all its insomnia victims.

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BRING YOUR radio for repair to Embry Hoyl at Champion Shoe Shop next Saturday and Monday. Satisfaction guaranteed. (30)

A CURE—A vegetable cure for burning feet of old people; can sleep good after first application. Send $1.10 for package; guaranteed or your money back.—R. E. FLORIDA, route four, Decatur. (29-tf)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE or trade for Bowie property—125x125 foot lot, five room house, two story; also five room house with bath, on West Walnut, one block of square. This is good property and will sell or trade. Write T. B. VASTINE, Bowie. (30)

WHO WANTS a sweet toned Bush & Gerts piano, in perfect condition, for $150.00 cash? At my home on North Trinity street.—MRS. H. W. SMITH, Decatur. (30)

FOR SALE—Power syrup mill, almost new, evaporator and furnace; half price; also Ford touring car cheap. C. B. MECASKEY, route four. (30)

FOR SALE or trade—Good used Ford truck.—P. R. BAITS, Decatur. (30)

FOR SALE CHEAP—One Home Comfort steel range; uses wood or coal. See C. L. CHRISTIAN. (30)

FOR SALE—High class Jersey springers.—MAT MOONEY, one mile northwest of Decatur. (30)

FOR SALE—Three god five-year-old mules.—D. O. LAWSON, at Decatur Motor Company Filling Station. (30)

FOR RENT

NICE four room cottage for rent; all rooms equipped for gas and electricity.—INGRAM DRUG CO. (29-tf)

FOR RENT—For a few weeks, two niicely furnished rooms for housekeeping.—C. L. CHRISTIAN. (30)

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Beautiful sheer voiles; 39 inches wide regular 35c value—now
18c

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Krinkled bed spreads—size 80 by 90 inches—now priced for only—
98c

Gingham, Shirting
One counter good gingham and shirtings—Special at—
10c yard

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Ice tea glasses go on sale Saturday and Monday only—
$1.00 sets now **49c**

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A Saturday and Monday special only; and a big money saver at
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Bed Spreads
Silk rayon bed spreads, n rose, pink, blue, gold and orchid—
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Flock Dot Voiles
36-inch Flock dot voiles in the newest patterns for only
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Turkish Towels
Bordered Turkish towels; sizes 18 by 34—now selling for only—
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Cotton Socks
Men's black or brown cotton socks now going at only—
5c pair

Thermos Jugs
Auto or Thermos Jugs; regular $2.50 values for only—
$1.29

Summer Unions
Men's and boys summer unions now going for only—
39c

NEW WIRTHMORE HOUSE DRESSES
New Wirthmore ladies house dresses in a big range of patterns, regular $1.50 values, July Clearance Sale price.......... **98c**

FLORSHEIM SHOES AND OXFORDS
Your unrestricted choice of any Florsheim shoe or oxford, $10.00 value, all sizes, July Clearance Sale price.......... **$7.85**

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Friday Morning, July 29, 1927

Watch your step Mr. Voter: the shrewd politician is abroad in the land

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The latest one on the absent-minded man is this: He slammed his wife and kissed the door.

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High skirts and high taxes are retarding the growth of the country, is the claim of an authority.

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According to a statement of Senator Joe Bailey, "Morris Sheppard will never disgrace the state; neither will he distinguish it."

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In Georgia it is not a serious offense for bootleggers to lay down a smoke screen when being pursued by officials. That's in Georgia.

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On with the work of connecting up the Thirty-Ninth Highway. The traveling public and the farmers living in the Decatur-Bridgeport territory are awaiting the day when they can travel a travelable road in the western part of the Wonderful County.

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Cisco, celebrating the opening of its big bridge and completion of a monster dam, pulled off a bathing beauty contest, and reports say the affair was staged in big town style, the winsome winner having everything a bathing beauty should have and nothing more.

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Governor Dan Moody, according to a statement of the Austin Statesman, will not be a candidate for United States senator, but will be chosen for a second term as governor without opposition. Since this amendment affair bobbed up, Messenger would advise Dan to hold what he has.

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If you would assist the old confederate soldiers in rebuilding their quarters at the Joe Wheeler Park reunion, buy a tag from one of the pretty girls who will be out and about next Saturday and first Monday soliciting funds for the good cause. Be tagged by a beauty and feel the exhilerating feeling of having done something worth while.

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Time was, when a federal officer was "a sight." Today, you bump into one at every turn. Continue the clip we have been pacing for the last twenty years, and the day is not far distant when representatives of the Washington government will regulate our daily routine. And, then—what broke loose in Georgia when Sherman sauntered to the sea will be recorded a pink affair in comparison.

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During a Ku Klux Klan parade in Grand Prairie the other night a free-for-all fight was put over, and it was necessary for a force of Dallas policemen to come over and quell the disturbance. Pistols, clubs and fists were used by the fighters, and when the blue coated minions from the city on the banks of the raging Trinity arrived a number of the paraders and spectators were ready for the hospital wagon.

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Lindbergh is devoted to his mother; he is a doer and not a talker. He has never grown a fuzzy line on his upper lip, and there is no record of him having been a village cut-up. There is not a spark of the town sheik in his make-up, and he has never lolled on the counter at the soda water joint and dated the town flappers. He has never posed as the pace-setter for the flips and flops in the community. And yet he staged a triumph that thrilled the entire world; performed a feat that drew the applause of the nations of the earth. Strange, thinks the sleek dandy on the street corner, the apple and heroic figure in the eye of Sauntering Sadie, the village vamp.

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For the first time in the history of elections in Texas, the voters of the state are called upon to come out and participate in one set for the second day in the week. Heretofore, all elections have been called on Saturday, a day on which the farmers and laborers can "take off" without interfering with their work. But, this election to decide the fate of the amendments has been set for Monday. The politicians designating this day are hoping the country and laboring vote will not find time to come and participate in the fun and frolic. Sometimes the politicians are given a shaking up; sometimes they are consternated and rendered helpless by the unexpected stunts of the fellows in jumperalls and yarn galluses. Sometimes the "fool farmer" takes the bit in his mouth and upsets the best laid plans of politicians and office seekers. We'll see what we'll see.

Wherever you find good roads and good schools, there you will find a contented people.

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Should Denton-town get cityfied and decide to create a zoo, we suggest that Loafer, star writer on the Record-Chronicle, be elevated to the position of keeper of the institution.

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A concentration of power in the hands of the few is more dangerous to the peace and happiness of the people than swashbuckling armies, we have been told. Delegate Washington with the handling of your rights and liberties, and the day dawns when the Alamo will mean nothing, and the efforts of Jefferson will be the butts of jokes.

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Messenger is in receipt of a communication from a number of the leading attorneys of the state, asking the good publication to give support to the amendments to be voted on Monday, August 1st. Looking over the list of "leading attorneys" we find several from the ranks of office seeking politicians; fellows who have been standing in the vicinity of the pie counter for years. Just wondering if they are expecting anything.

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When Jack county voters went about looking for a man to capably represent them in the house of representatives in Austin, they did not seek out a politician or a spell-binder; they were alive to the conditions, and students, hankering for athletic honors and society standing, were not listed. On the contrary, Jack county voters went to the farming district and called a man of sound sense and ripe experience — a farmer — and our sister county on the west is getting able representation in George Ware, plain farmer.

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The governor of Indiana is accused of accepting a tidy sum from D. C. Stephenson, one time chief and high cock-a-lorum of the hooded forces, now serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for murdering a girl. The governor is out with a statement in which he says Steve is vexed and vengeful because he can't get thru a pardon in the state house. The chief executive admits being on chummy terms with Stevenson, when that worthy was high in the councils of the klan organization, but bitterly denies that he accepted a $2,000 bribe.

Miss Dean's Dog-Gone Husband.

Hazel Dean, motion picture actress, in her suit for annulment of marriage, declares she would not have married Hugh Anderson, Hollywood masseur, if she hadn't lost her dog. She says she was looking for her dog when she met Anderson.—Wise County Messenger.

She was looking for her pet Peruvian pot-hound when she met Anderson, was she? Well, if she was so crazy about the dog, why did she let her mind wander when she saw Anderson? The chances are the old boy had plenty of "It," made famous by Elinor Glynn, and he appealed to her. Movie actresses have a habit of angling for male help-meets with great regularity. If things keep on, those who keep married for six months in Hollywood will have to be decorated with the leather medal, signifying valorous and meritorius conduct. Come to think of it, what the thunder is a masseur, anyhow? Oh, yessir, we remember now; he's the fellow who presides at mass.—Denton Herald.

Denton Writer Caught with Four-Card Flush.

Some weeks ago Colonel Dick Collins of the Wise County Messenger called this Loafer down because he said something about a dude ranch. Loafer cut out the unkind thrust for copying and then lost it. Anyhow, Kernel Kollins Kicked about the ranch and wanted to know what it meant anyhaw. That feller Kollins always was a Komical sort of Kuss and laid a trap for Loafer when he asked that question. Loafer has no idea what a dude ranch is but would have gotten by with it if that feller Kernel Kollins had stayed on his side of the fence. Just come butting in and spoiled Loafer's good bluff. Loafer to his knowledge never saw a "dude ranch" but he did see the Kernel with a dude shirt on at Amarillo.—Loafer in Denton Record-Chronicle.

Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, July 19, 1907.

John A. Simmons was in Fort Worth Sunday.

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Buck Collins of Cleburne, was here visiting Sunday.

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Orville and Joe Cates are at Vineyard for a few days.

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Miss Stella Standley is assisting in the post office this week.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Furman Greathouse Sunday.

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Barnie Shoemaker is taking his vacation from the Mississippi Store this week.

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Miss Minnie Taylor of Cleburne, will be the guest of Miss Frances Collins next week.

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Misses Mabel Woody and Tommye Spear are spending the week at the Twixbridge.

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Mrs. Henry Greathouse and Miss Call will spend a month in Colorado leaving here next week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lively of Whitewright, and Tal Lively of Dalhart, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lively.

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Captain Brady and his command leave today for Camp Mabry to take part in the seven day military encampment. Captain Brady has a nexcellent company.

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On Wednesday, Mrs. J. T. Potts of Flatwoods, left on our table two immense specimens of onions, which show what Wise county will produce in that line.

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Claud Halsell arrived in the city this week from Bovina to attend the big reunion next week. "Cheesy" looks fat and sleek, and is loud in his praise of the great Panhandle country.

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Marshal Wes Helm succeeded in breaking up that loafing habit of some of our street bums. They have been told to get to work, on the city would give them eployment on the streets.

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Decatur lodge of A. F. & A. M. recently installed officers as follows: Bob Clark, worshipful master; Jack Moss, senior warden; Guinn Williams, junior warden; W. L. Rush, treasurer; John Logan, secretary; J. A. Wasson, tiler.

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The local I. O. O. F. lodge held their installation of officers on Wednesday night of last week. The officers are: Buck Riley, noble grand; Rufus Lindley, vice grand; M. L. Rogers, treasurer; M. D. Sellars, secretary; J. A. Wasson, warden.

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Eddie Mecaskey, son of Jim Mecaskey, on Monday met with the misfortune of having a shoulder dislocated by his horse falling with him, while riding at the old George McSpadden place, east of town. His injury was quite painful, but he is recovering.

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Dress up in your holiday spirit next week and give the visitors an old Decatur welcome. There will be no less than five thousand strangers in our gates by Wednesday noon, and you are expected to do your duty toward making these peoples' visit pleasant. Don't wait to be asked by some selected committee to assist in entertaining it is a Wise county affair, as much your reunion as it is the various communities'; and as a loyal citizen do your duty.

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And, speaking about Earle Mayfield, junior senator of Texas in the national congress, Senator Bailey said: "Mayfield klucked too loud, and he knows nothing about democracy; the kind I am speaking to you about today."

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The floggers who flogged a business man in Fort Worth, who happened to be a Jew, are still at large. In the meantime, the delectible defenders of the law are rounding up Sambo and One-Eyed Pete in the river bottoms and bringing them to court to face charges of engaging in the awful and heinous crime of shootin' craps.

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Forty Years Ago

Messenger, July 16, 1887.

Miss Bettie Willis, sister-in-law to H. R. Tolbert, died on Tuesday of this week.

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A young man named O. P. Bacon, living near Anneville, was kicked by a horse on July 5th and died from its effects on July 8th.

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C. J. Van Meter's house was blown off the foundation and the roof was torn off the old Edwards house last Friday.—Aurora News.

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Dr Barnett and Dr. Rogers, for, and Tom McMurray, against, discussed the prohibition question at a big picnic at Pella last Saturday. In the meantime Judge Pickett stood for the amendment against Judges Carroll and Patterson at Bridgeport, and Tully Fuller dealt the antis some death dealing blows in the evening at Bridgeport.

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N. P. Lewis, a late merchant of this city, who was compelled to relinquish his business here on account of becoming demented in mind, was some months ago taken to his father's place, near Franklyn, Kentucky, where he grew worse, and as stated in the Louisville Courier-Journal of July 4th, he shot a man by the name of Roach, about four miles from his father's house, then rode rapidly to his father's and, getting into the house, gave fight to the sheriff and his posse, finally winding up by killing himself.

Times Do Change.

Marshal Wes Helm is succeeding in breaking up that loafing habit of some of our street bums. They have been told to get to work, or the city would give them employment on the streets of the city of Decatur.—Messenger, July 19th, 1907.

Should Wes return to the old stamping grounds, he would discover a decided change. Loafing then was a crime in Decatur; now it is a recognized "art" among a goodly number of the promising youths of the town. The present "crop" has no fear of the law, there being "no such animal" in the list of city officials.

What Manner of Press Association Is This?

President J. L. Martin of the West Texas Press Association, in sending invitations to the meet, says: "This association will have no dues, no leg pulling, no graft." What on earth can the gentleman mean? We pass the matter on to Dick Collins for a reply.—Denton Herald.

We hand the "buck" to Frederick Haskett of the Childress Index, but would suggest a thoro investigation of the W. T. P. A. and an analytical examination of the organization's president. Verily, that press association has "left home"—severing all parental ties.

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There are now about 158,000 Jews in Palestine.

"So you are using balloon tires on your car now?"

"Yes; they are much easier on the pedestrians."

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"I can't find a single pin. Where do they all go to, anyway?"

"It's difficult to tell, because they are pointed in one direction and they are headed in another."

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If your breath is bad and you have spells of swimming in the head, poor appetite, constipation and a general no-account feeling, it is a sign your liver is torpid. The one really dependable remedy for all disorders in the liver, stomach and bowels is Herbine. It acts powerfully on the liver, strengthens digestion, purifies the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy, vim and cheerfulness. Price 60c. Sold by

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LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Messenger accepts advertising on the guarantee that it has more bona fide circulation than any other newspaper printed in Wise county; that its actual, bona fide subscription list is greater by three times than any other publication in Decatur. Books and records are open to advertisers.

Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:55 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

John Sparks of Rhome, was in this city Saturday.

Charles Sparks of Rhome, was in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holt left first of the week for Colorado.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, is spending his vacation in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Renshaw of Hillsboro, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Oma Cartwright has returned from Dallas, where she visited her sister.

Mrs. D. S. Martin of Clovis, New Mexico, is visiting friends in Decatur this week.

E. H. Young and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Will Trussell at Boyd last Friday.

Pinkney Simpson of Millican, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Haskell of Dallas were guests of B. C. Coleman and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hicks of Wichita Falls, were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Wright of Boyd, is visiting in the home of her son, T. H. Wright, in this city.

Miss Lucille Pickett returned last week from North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton.

Mrs. J. T. Waggoner of Wichita Falls, spent the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Mirriage license was issued by the county clerk's office this week to C. E. Bridges and Miss Lula McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Terrell are spending their vacation at Menard, where they went on a fishing trip.

Mrs. J. E. Shoemaker and daughters, Misses Alfreda and Margaret, are visiting relatives in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hagood and children of Hale Center, are visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs. Carl Faith in Decatur.

O. F. F. Club will meet this Friday evening at seven o'clock in the home of Miss Alma Wilkerson on West Walnut street.

Mrs. W. M. Trussell died Friday at her home in Boyd. Interment was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery Saturday afternoon.

J. B. St. Clair and wife returned last week from North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton, where he has been in school. He received his A. B. degree. Bonnie is principal of the high school at Olney.

G. G. G. Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Venita Nell Clark. Following a number of interesting diversions, Miss Joy Bell was presented with the prize. Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Maurine Van Meter, Grace Bell, Lucy Tucker, Betty Lou Gentry, Joy Bell, Daisy Manire, Lois Breedlove, Mary McCracken and the hostess.

Miss Mabel Jones spent the day in Mineral Wells Monday.

C. P. Dodson was in Denton first of the week on business.

B. F. Fox and family were Dallas visitors first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lacey and children visited in Grand Prairie Sunday.

Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas, were visiting relatives in Decatur last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Marshall of Austin, atended the Chico picnic last Saturday.

J. W. Roper, son, C. P. Roper and family are visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jones.

Sheriff George Gage will return the latter part of the week from California, where he went after a man wanted here.

Audrey Mason, who has been visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jones, has returned to his home in Wichita Falls.

Misses Kemp and Elizabeth Lindley and brother, Johnny, of Dallas, are spending several days in the home of their aunt, Mrs. R. R. Lacey.

Watch for our special sale soon on Congoleum rugs. You can not afford to let your floors be bare at the price. C. L. Christian, Home Furnishings.

R. N. Robertson and family left this week for Gorman to make their home, where, Mr. Robertson has accepted a position as book-keeper with Hale & Kerr, Chevrolet dealers in that place.

Dick Rieger of Sanger, was in the city several days this week, making arrangements to return to the old home town. Numerous good friends of this splendid family in Decatur and community will be glad to welcome them back.

All farmers interested in securing a federal farm loan at five per cent interest for thirty-six years, should make application now in order to be prepared to meet loans when due. Call at City National Bank, Decatur, and talk with W. P. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer.

Don't fail to buy a tag from one of the pretty girls who will be offering them for sale tomorrow and first Monday. The fund created from the sale of these tags will go to rebuild quarters for the old confederates at the Joe Wheeler Park. Contribute to this worthy cause.

Thirty different diseases are transmitted by flies. They deposit germs in three ways; by contact, vomit spots and excreta. Flies are the filthiest insects known. They taint everything they touch. Fly-Tox kills flies. It is safe, stainless, fragrant, sure. Simple instructions on each bottle (blue label) for killing all household insects. Insist on Fly-Tox. Fly-Tox is the scientific insecticide developed at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by Fex Fellowship. Fly-Tox brings comfort, health and cleanliness.

Lee Morris was here from Chico Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Ferguson has been visiting in Alvord.

Ira Bentley of Greenwood, was in this city Saturday.

Miss Margaret Bell spent the week end with friends in Bowie.

Mrs. Faith of Vernon, is visiting in the home of her son, Judge Carl Faith.

Harold Christian of Antelope, spent the week-end visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCurdy and children visited friend in Grapevine Sunday.

Miss Margaret Knight of Wichita Falls, is visiting friends this week in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Dallas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. George of Fort Worth, were guests of C. K. Wilkerson and family Sunday.

Bill George Jr. of Fort Worth, is visiting in the home of C. K. Wilkerson here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers of Vernon are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O. Rogers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pound at Mount Zion.

Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler.

Watch for our special sale soon on Congoleum rugs. You can not afford to let your floors be bare at the price. C. L. Christian, Home Furnishings.

O. F. F. Club met Friday evening at the home of Miss Sue Ella Van Meter. After a short business session, hostess served a lovely salad course to Misses Estelle Belew, Anna Eloyse Cook, Dorothy Patterson, Minnie Pearl Arnett, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt and Margaret Boyd.

Miss Cathryn Ruth Helm delightfully entertained a group of friends with a forty-two party at her home on South Trinity street on Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served to Misses Dorothy Patterson, Susie Hambright of Roanoke, and Margaret Knight of Wichita Falls, Messrs. Bill Bennett, Fred Calhoun, T. J. Dillehay and Clarence Ford.

An event furnishing much pleasure was the swimming party given by Mrs. B. A. Man Friday at Blythe's Bathing Beach for the members of her Baptist Sunday school class. Those present were Misses Louise Greer, Virginia Patterson, Maxine Christian, Stella Bess Stokes, Bess McMordie, Eunice Roe, Valera Brown, Irene Wilkerson, Grace Bell, Joy Bell and Kitty Beth Christian; Messrs. Jim Tom Petty, Chase Elder, Charlie Belew and Tom Patterson.

M. H. Talbott of Cotulla, spent the week end visiting friends here.

Bryan Truett and J. W. Dye of Greenwood, were in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Slagle and children are visiting in Denison and Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Wilhite of Fort Worth, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Jessie Lee Ramsey has returned from Sulphur, Oklahoma, where she visited relatives.

Edgar and Sue Hambright of Roanoke, were week-end guests of Miss Cathryn Ruth Helm here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pennington and children of Pennington Gap, Virginia, are visiting relatives here.

S. A. Lillard and daughter, Miss Mary, and Miss Ola Mae Wright have gone to Kinney county on a visit.

Mrs. W. C. Milligan returned on Tuesday from Baylor Hospital, Dallas, where she underwent an operation.

Miss Price of Lewisville, is filling the place of Miss Vera Jenkins as prescription clerk at Ingram's Drug store during her vacation.

Card of Thanks.

In the midst of our sorrow in the sudden calling away to her heavenly home of Mrs. W. M. Trussell, wife, mother, sister and kinswoman, our hearts are kindled with great love and gratification toward the throngs of friends who came from far and near bringing acts of kindness, words of consolation, tears of sympathy and beautiful flowers of tribute. These never-to-be-forgotten kindnesses soften the burden that is ours and make easier our submission to the will of the Christ of Calvary, who doeth all things well.—W. M. Trussell, Daughters and Relatives.

"Of course, young man," said the girl's father, "you know my daughter has always had a good home."

"Yes, sir," beamed the suitor. "I believe that it will prove entirely satisfactory."

Mrs. Burch Hostess to Bridge Club on Friday

Mrs. M. W. Burch entertained the Bridge Club with a prettily appointed party Thursday afternoon, at her home on East Main street.

High score prize for the members went to Mrs. H. M. Helm and Miss Ada Harding won the guest prize. A lovely salad course was served.

The members present were Mmes. W. C. Shults, H. M. Helm, B. A. Man, B. F. Grubbs, F. V. McMordie, J. M. Crisp, F. A. Davenport, C. P. Dodson, N. P. Taylor, W. W. Boyd; the guests were Mmes. H. M. Buttrill, Jack Cates, H. Horn; Misses Johnnie Blankenship, Ada Harding, Mary F. Bennett, Gabie Sue Carpenter, Kathryn, and Jacobina Burch.

The critter that sprouted the first appendix probably never knew what a legacy he left the surgical profession.

Visitor from Abilene Is Bridge Party Honoree

Three tables were attractively arranged for bridge Friday afternoon, when Mrs. W. C. Shults entertained in honor of Mrs. H. Horn of Abilene.

The guest list included Mesdames J. M. Crisp, B. A. Man, B. F. Grubbs, H. M. Helm, J. D. Shinpaugh, C. P. Dodson, T. G. Rogers, F. A. Davenport; Misses Ada Harding, and Gabie Sue Carpenter.

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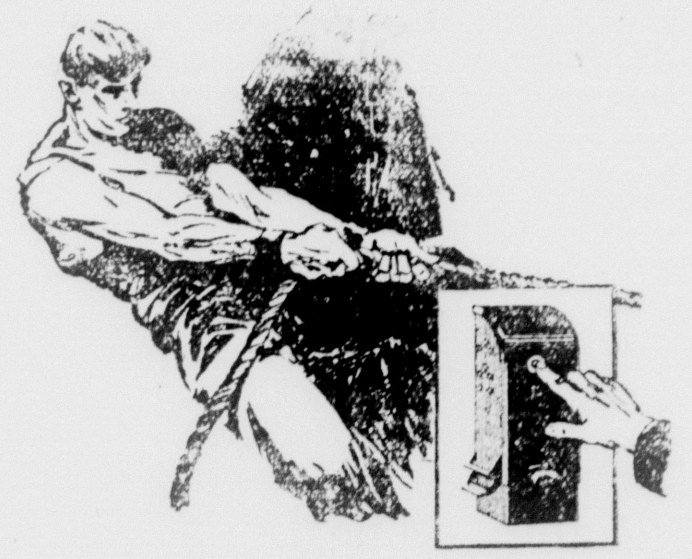

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To make room for interior improvements in my store, I will make a BIG REDUCTION on all GROCERIES in the house. This becomes necessary for I want to install new fixtures and otherwise make the store more attractive—MUST HAVE MORE ROOM. The cut in prices will be one of the biggest money-saving events of the season. Below we quote just a few prices to show the way in which the slashing has been done. Everything marked down.

Coffee Good Peaberry --- per lb. 28c

Tomatoes No. 2--- 9c No. 1--- 6c

Matches 6 large boxes---only 19c

Calumet Baking Powder---1 lb. 23c

6 boxes GOLD DUST and BORAX --- Washing Powder 22c

Stick Candy Good and fine---lb. 13c

Come while the "picking" is good—Big bargains all over the house.

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INTEREST IN HIGHWAY PROJECT REVIVED HERE

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cial industries of Montague county if the road were built. They are doing all they can to further the movement.

Jack Truett, leading farmer of south Montague and well known in Wise county, created surprise when he pointed out that travelers in his section, thru which the road would pass, absolutely get lost now in their efforts to go thru that country. There are positively no roads worth while, he said. Mr. Truett advocated the new highway. His fine section is suffering for the lack of it.

Albert Mauldin, Bill Shults, Robert and Knowly Howard and G. C. Sloan reported their belief that the Greenwood section would be immensely benefitted by the road and that they were ready to co-operate.

Several Decatur citizens asserted their willingness to do whatever is in their power to secure final construction of the road, among them being Chairman W. A. Helm of the highway committee, Dr. J. L. Ward, Commissioner Henry Walker and others.

Ed McRae of the highway committee of the Fort Worth chamber of commerce, who was present, presented the difficulties that stood in the way of securing designation as a state highway by the highway commission. Mr McRae praised the effort, thought it eminently worth while and that its final consummation would bring a material blessing to a needy people. He merely stressed the fact that concerned communities must do a great deal of preliminary work for themselves and for the road before the interest of the state highway commission could be directed on it. Chief among these ,he advised, is to make it as good a road as it is possible to do under present circumstances, in order to encourage travel over the route and get it established as a route of convenience and service. This the new bridge will encourage, and this the highway commission will demand as a requisite of the state spending money upon it.

Commissioner Walker concurred in this view and said that it would be his policy to help insofar as he can without denying work to other county roads. He thought it might be possible to secure the services of the county engineer in establishing the permanent line as a preliminary to securing the right-of-way, which would be the next step in the proceedings.

This (Friday) afternoon at four o'clock at Greenwood a meeting will be held at the call of the leaders of the community to create an organization there to work in the interest of the highway. Decatur folks have been invited to attend and will possibly go over in numbers. Mr. Legate of the Wilson organization will be present.

A minister, noted for his absentmindedness, met a friend in the street and stopped to talk with him. When about to separate, the minister's face suddenly assumed a puzzled look.

"Tom," he said, "when we met was I going up or down the street?"

"Down," replied Tom.

The minister's face cleared. "It's all right then. I have already been home to lunch."

"How are you getting along with rithmetic, Sam?"

"Well, I done learned to add up all de noughts, but de figgers still bother me some."

Baptist W. M. S. Meets in Circles Last Monday

Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the respective circles at the following places:

Circle one held an interesting meeting in the boys' dormitory at Decatur College, with Mrs. J. M. Jones as hostess. Those present were Mmes. E. Walker, J. D. Shinpaugh, Holley Renshaw, H. L. Jones, J. B. Green, W. E. Horton and the hostess.

Circle two met at the church with six members present. Following the business session, the Bible teacher taught a very instructive Bible lesson. Those present were Mmes. Stevens, Gus Elrod, J. E. Boyd, C. L. Christian, T. S. Williams and E. W. Thrasher.

Circle three met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Bell. Following an inspiring Bible lesson from Acts XVI refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Mmes. J. W. Patterson, R. C. Heathington, R. L. Blankenship, A. D. Reeves, J. V. Patterson, E. W. Thrasher, R. L. Hunt, the host and hostess.

Circle four held one of the most interesting meetings of the year at the home of Mrs. Sam Hill on South Lang street. Mrs. George Foster led an inspiring devotional from the fifth chapter of James. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Hill conducted a splendid Bible lesson from the fourteenth chapter of St. John. Those present were Mmes. J. W. Bailey, S. J. Madden, A. J. Shelton, John Lambert, G. W. Foster, T. H. Dunn, Eulace Blackburn and Miss Sallie Fergason.

Circle five met at the home of Mrs. Curren New with twelve members and one visitor present. Mrs. Joe Rogers led the devotional, followed by a short business session, and Mrs. F. M. Razor taught the Bible lesson, "The Syro Phoenician Mother, Woman of Faith," and "The Adultress." Dainty refreshment swere served to Mmes. Floyd Clifton, Joe Rogers, C. K. Wilkerson, Charles Stokes, Henry Askey, Homer Williamson, S. M. Ward, C. A. Maples, F. M. Rayzor and G. S. Blewett; and Miss Wynelle New.

LONE MOUND NEWS

J. L. McGovern left Saturday for Dallas, to visit relatives.

Mrs. Lois Stafford and children are visiting relatives at Park Springs this week.

Elmer Vaughn returned home Saturday from Ellis county, where he has been working.

Mrs. Shoat of Fort Worth, spent Sunday with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Claborn.

Miss Dortha Boring of Fort Worth, is visiting her cousin, Miss Laura Davis, this week.

Hopewell B. Y. P. U. went over to Aucuton Sunday and rendered a program at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elsom of Bridgeport, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Clarence Farrington returned Saturday to Amarillo, after spending a few days with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cearley of the Plainview community, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cearley.

Mrs. F. M. Binion and little granddaughter, Louise Haley, of Decatur, spent the week-end with friends in this community.

Mrs. A. J. Gilbert and little son returned home Friday from Munday, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Claborn.

EX-SENATOR BAILEY IS CHICO PICNIC SPEAKER

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fortune could befall a free republic than to have its great offices sought for the sake of salary attached to them."

He predicted that not ten per cent of the people of the state would vote for the amendment to allow the legislature to fix all salaries outside of those of a few of the chief officials of the state.

The judiciary amendment he termed "utterly indefensible." Bailey's objections were based on the grounds that the need is for better and not for more judges; that the amendment would allow the governor to appoint two-thirds of the supreme court and that the amendment could allow the creation of a class of itinerant justices.

"Too much money is being wasted; too much time is being thrown to the four winds. In the year of 1926 there were five millions of dollars spent for gasoline, oil and the up-keep of automobiles in Texas. The cotton crop that year brought three million, five hundred thousand dollars. And more money was spent on pleasure rides than was produced on the farms," the senator said.

He paid his respects to the old time democrats in Wise county when recalling the time he first came before the people as a candidate for congress. He said he owed much to the old timers in the Chico community, who rallied to his banner when he opposed Silas Hare in his first contest. "You people in the Chico country stood by me, and I shall always remember you with a heart full of gratitude and love," he said.

Senator Bailey, while showing that he is not as young and vigorous as in the days when he was the handsome idol of the old fifth district, he is a long, long ways from being a decrepit old man. His voice has the ring of the olden days, and his oratory continues to tigle the blood of his hearers. He looks older, and his body is not as robust as in the day when he was our representative in congress—but he still possesses that commanding appearance; that personality that has characterized him since he first came among these people. His locks are a little grayer, and his step is a little slower—but he is Joe Bailey, the thundering apostle of old time democracy, the true friend, and the foe of false doctrines.

Returning from the Chico picnic to his home in Dallas, Senator Bailey stopped a short time in Decatur, where he was met by a number of his old time friends.

Rural Magistrate—"I'll have to fine ye a dollar, Jeff."

Jeff—"I'll have to borrow it off ye, jedge."

Magistrate—"Great snakes! It was only to get the dollar that I was finin' ye. Get out! Ye ain't guilty, tnyway."

Dull

Headache

and

Sluggish Feeling

"We are a healthy family and haven't had to use much medicine," says Mr. J. H. Adams, of Bishop, Ga. "But I have found it necessary to take some medicine.

"I had headaches. My head felt dull, and like I couldn't hold it up.

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Decatur merchants have bought and paid for this space to advertise the fact aggressively that we are behind Decatur College in all its aspirations and aims.

We believe in Decatur College. It is one of the oldest and most distinctive for the character of educational work done in our section. It's standard of efficiency is beyond question. The caliber of men and women turned forth from the institution is of irreproachable quality. With the the imprint of Decatur College upon them, such men and women have registered high in the advancement of morals, civilization, learning and good citizenship.

We conceive that it is an obligation resting on us, the community host of the school, to exert ourselves to cause the worthy institution to succeed.

We want the new term, beginning next September 21st, to open auspiciously, to matriculate a swarm of new students, the raw material of bright Texas boys and girls, to subject their careers to the mould and impress the mind and character building power of this man and woman making plant.

We recognize that we have but about thirty days at our command in which to fulfill this plain obligation of citizenship, only a limited opportunity to respond to the call of service. Within the next approximate thirty days boys and girls are going to decide where they will attend college this fall. Within the next thirty days it is possible for the citizenship of Decatur and community to be the deciding factor in many of these cases.

WITHIN THE BRIEF TIME ALLOTED LET US SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT OUR OWN DECATUR COLLEGE

Let us appreciate that the college administration is helpless to discharge the full quantum of work demanded in the emergency. It is up to the citizenship host to help.

Within the next thirty days Decatur Community should prosecute a searching campaign, by word of mouth recommending and praising the institution to prospective students, by letters, by messages, advertisements, catalogues, by every and any means that may be used in the proclamation of fact.

REMEMBER THE DANGER OF PAUSING TO "LET GEORGE DO THE WORK." The chances are that George won't do it. YOU DO IT—and you know it will be done. That is the way to be safe, the on esecure way in this time and need for immediate, effective action.

It Is To Be Urged That We All Individually Keep On the Firing Line for D.B.C. for the Next 30 Day

S. T. Lillard Attended Purina Sales School During the Past Week in Fort Worth Hotel

S. T. Lillard of the Lillard Milling Company of this city, has just returned from Fort Worth, where he attended the Purina Mills sales school held last week at the Texas Hotel. “In this class,” says Mr. Lillard, “every phase of live stock feeding was studied with a view of enabling salesmen and local feed dealers to render a higher type of service to feeders of live stock.

“I was very much impressed,” says Mr. Lillard, “by the figures presented showing the value of the live stock and dairy products sold annually in our own county. According to the figures compiled by the United States department of agriculture, Wise county farmers sell every year about $650,228 worth of dairy and poultry products. Figures showing the value of hogs and steers are equally impressive.

“Big as these figures are, it is still possible,” says Mr. Lillard, “to increase the value of these products sold in Wise county by one-fourth to one third by the introduction of proper feeding methods among the farmers generally. This extra production will create extra wealth which would be used in part to buy building material to make improvements, to buy automobiles, more clothing, furniture, etc. In other words, better feeding will tend to increase proportionately the business done by every firm in the county.

“The interesting thing,” adds Mr. Lillard, “is that it takes only a comparatively small increase in production to double the feeder's net profit. According to surveys made by Hoard's Dairyman, one of the leading dairy publications, an increase of only ten per cent in the amount of milk produced will frequently result in doubled profits.

“Take for example the case of a cow producing twenty pounds of milk a day, eighteen pounds of which is required to pay for the labor, feed cost and miscellaneous expense. This leaves two pounds net profit. This same cow can be made to produce twenty-two pounds of milk a day, or two extra pounds (ten per cent more) or four pounds profit instead of two, or double the net profit. On that basis just one extra inch of milk in the pail is worth from sixteen to forty dollars more on the ton of feed. The same thing holds true with other live stock and poultry. It is vitally important that the feeder get those few extra eggs, that extra milk or the fractions of a pound extra daily gain in producing pork or beef.

“At the start of the course,” says Mr. Lillard, “the importance of agriculture in the economic life of America was emphasized. It was shown that the annual output of all farm products greatly exceeds the annual production of iron ore, oil, farm machinery, automobiles, coal and the earnings of the railroads combined. It was pointed out that in view of the magnitude of the farm industry, greater efficiency in farm operation and a better knowledge of operating cost is desirable.

“To give a foundation for correct feeding methods, the principles of animal nutrition were carefully studied in the school. In this session were developed the fundamental reasons for balanced rations—to supply elements required by the animal for a variety of purposes—maintaining the body, replacing worn out tissues, building bone, supplying heat and energy, and making milk or eggs. Weeding out poor stock, breeding for vigor and feeding for results is the combination that spells profits for the farmer.

“That production can be increased was shown by a comparison of milk production in the United States—3627 pounds a year average—with that of the Netherlands—7585 pounds a year. This additional production results entirely from right breeding and feeding a properly balanced ration which enables the cow both to maintain her body and make milk. ‘On lowering the cost of production,’ says Professor Eckles, the noted authority from the Minnesota College of Agriculture, ‘the feeding comes first.’

“Another point frequently overlooked by dairymen is the necessity of feeding a dairy cow a concentrated ration that contains the proper amount and quality of protein. It is true that a cow will produce almost as much milk for the first few weeks, without a high protein concentrate. But she does so at the expense of her body and that means a sure cut in the milk supply later on.

“The cow, with her mother instinct to produce milk to nourish her offspring, produces a good volume for a few weeks, drawing on her body for the nutrients her improperly balanced feed lacks. But then nature calls a halt. The cow, run down physically, must start to rebuild her body, and the milk flow gradually decreases. Once a cow falls off in her milk, it is almost impossible to bring her back before she freshens again.

“So too in the matter of eggs. The average United States hen lays only seventy-two eggs a year; the average Purina fed hen lays one hundred and forty-eight eggs a year. This tremendous increase is brought about because a balanced ration supplies materials for making approximately an equal number of yolks and whites, while a grain ration develops more yolks than whites. As no hen can lay half an egg, the extra yolks are absorbed into the body and egg production is cut.

“All who attended the school were thoroly drilled in the most up-to-date methods of culling poultry—of weeding out non-producing ‘boarder’ hens. The results of culling by the system taught have been carefully checked time and again by experiment stations and on practical poultry farms in all sections. Birds have been culled out as non-producers and shut off to themselves for twenty to thirty days. In spite of generous feeding they did not produce an egg, proving conclusively that the system is reliable.

“Proper feeding of brood sows is especially important right now if the hog raiser is to make any money. The feeder's profits depend very largely upon the size of the litter. Today the average farmer loses before weaning time forty per cent of the pigs farrowed. This represents a tremendous loss to every community. According to the experience of hog feeders everywhere, properly balanced feed produces an average of two additional pigs per litter at weaning time, and produces cheaper pigs at weaning time and cheaper pork after weaning. Such a balanced ration also means quicker growth and makes it possible for the farmers to get their hogs to market around September or October, when prices are usually higher than at any other time.

“Facts were also presented showing that, contrary to common belief, there are more horses in drayage service today than five years ago, and that the horse is proving more economical for farm use and short hauls in the cities than tractors or motor trucks. Experiments and numerous tests by the Purina Mills have proved beyond question that by feeding a properly balanced ration of clean, wholesome ingredients, horses and mules can be kept in better condition and can do more work on less feed than with the ordinary feeding methods. Average life of a work horse—five years—can be doubled by proper feeding.

“Considerable attention was also given to the subjects of advertising and merchandising. Figures of manufacturers in many lines were presented, showing that advertising actually lowers the cost of a product for the consumer by increasing production. It was also shown that national advertising is a guarantee of the quality of a commodity, for no company can continuously advertise an inferior product. Repeat orders will not come in and the campaign falls of its own weight.

“Emphasis was placed upon the importance of a feed dealer getting out into the feed lots with the feeders in order to help them cut their cost of produtcion. ‘No product is sold when it is delivered to the customer,’ said the merchandising instructor. ‘It is not sold until the customer is satisfied.’ It was upon this basis that the Purina Mills was founded in 1895 and steadily thru the thirty-two years of their business existence they have adhered to that ideal.”

Purina Mills was founded in 1895 by William H. Danforth, now president of the organization. In those days it was little more than a feed store. Mr. Danforth had the vision of supplying feeders a properly balanced ration containing all the ingredients needed to give results. He personally went up and down the Mississippi River selling feed to the farmer. Then he would return to the feed store and help mix that feed on the floor by the shovel method.

“It was no easy task for the Purina Mills to grow as it has. Numerous obstacles and objections had to be overcome. The entire mill was wiped out by the St. Louis cyclone in 1897, but, with faith undaunted, the founders rebuilt. It's a far cry from the little feed store in 1895 when feeds were mixed by hand to the tremendous Purina organiaztion today, consisting of seven large mills—St. Louis, East St. Louis, Nashville, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Fort Worth and Kansas City.

The course also showed clearly why a commercial feed made to produce definite, profitable results for the farmer has certain advantages over even the best home mixed ration. The farmer can not be certain of always getting ingredients of uniform quality, and many desirable ingredients he can not get at all. Moreover, the individual feeder has not the facilities for cleaning the grains of all dirt and chaff, or of thoro mechanical mixing, or of conducting the extensive laboratory tests to determine the value of this ration. Samples of every car of grain received are tested in the chemical laboratory, as are also samples of every lot of mixed feed. In the biological laboratory experiments in the nutrition, vitamins and kindred lines are being conducted to improve commercial rations still further.

Purina schools are held frequently in various parts of the country. Department heads and executives from the Purina Mills are the instructors. Sessions are held daily from eight-fifteen to five, except Saturdays and Sundays.

Grey hounds are thought to be the oldest breed of dogs now existing in the world.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR STATE ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

Sealed proposals addressed to the State Highway Engineer of Texas, for the improvement of certain highways in Jack and Wise Counties, will be received at the office of the State Highway Engineer at Austin, Texas, until ten o'clock a. m. August 15th, 1927, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work to Be Done.

Work consists of construction of concrete bridge over Deep Creek on State Highway No. 39, in Jack and Wise Counties.

Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of D. M. Puckett, Division Engineer, at the court house, Wichita Falls, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

A certified or cashier's check for $800.00, made payable without recourse to the State Highway Commission of Texas, must accompany each proposal.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked “Bids for the construction of S. A. P. No. 685, in Jack and Wise Counties.” Proposals submitted by mail shall be marked as above and enclosed in another addressed to R. A. Thompson, State Highway Engineer, Austin, Texas. (Jy29-Aug5)

Miss Bess Coleman in Recital here Thursday

The musical recital of Miss Bess Coleman, held in the auditorium of the First Methodist church Friday night, was well attended and the numbers by Miss Coleman were liberally applauded. Miss Bess is one of the most efficient pianists in all this section, thoroly understanding the art, and her numerous friends were delighted with her brilliant performance. Miss Bess has just finished a post-graduate course under one of the state's noted musicians, Samuel L. Ball of Fort Worth.

Miss Coleman was assisted in the recital by Bert Milligan, vocalist, of Fort Worth.

Reunion Clean-Up Day Set for Friday, Aug. 5

Next Friday, August 5th, has been declared by the committee as clean-up day of the camp grounds in Joe Wheeler Park. Turn out with hoes, rakes and brooms and put your precinct in order for the three big days of social commingling and jollification this year.

A new area of camping ground has been marked off and will be let by lots to those desiring camping space. Some of the space has already been leased to the numerous applicants and you had better inquire early. Apply to J. J. Rieger or John Gentry.

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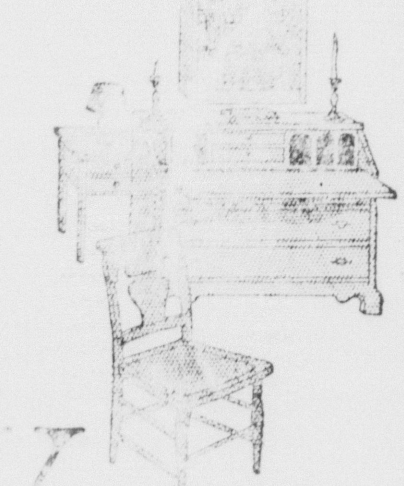

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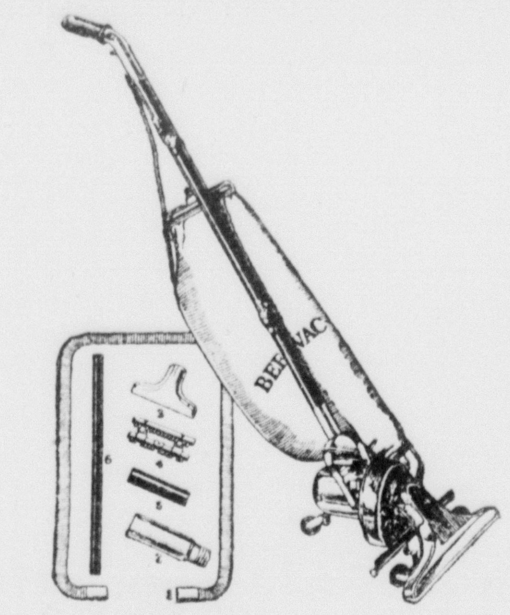

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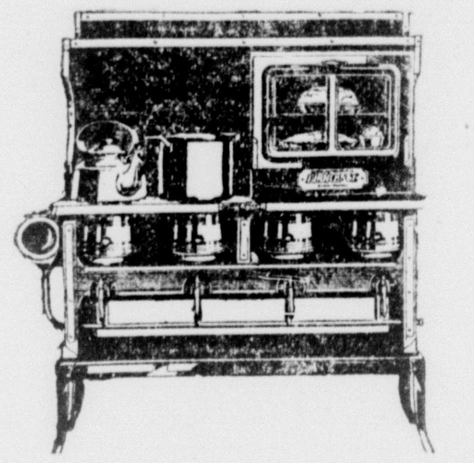
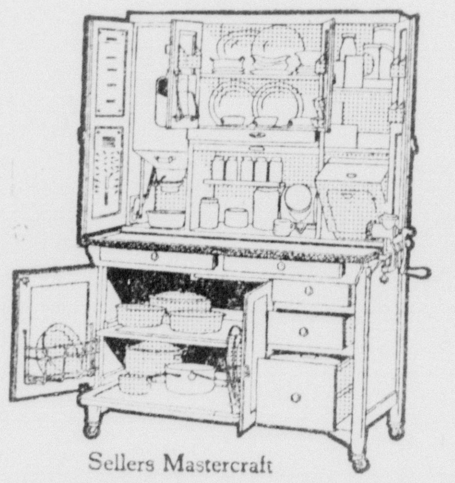
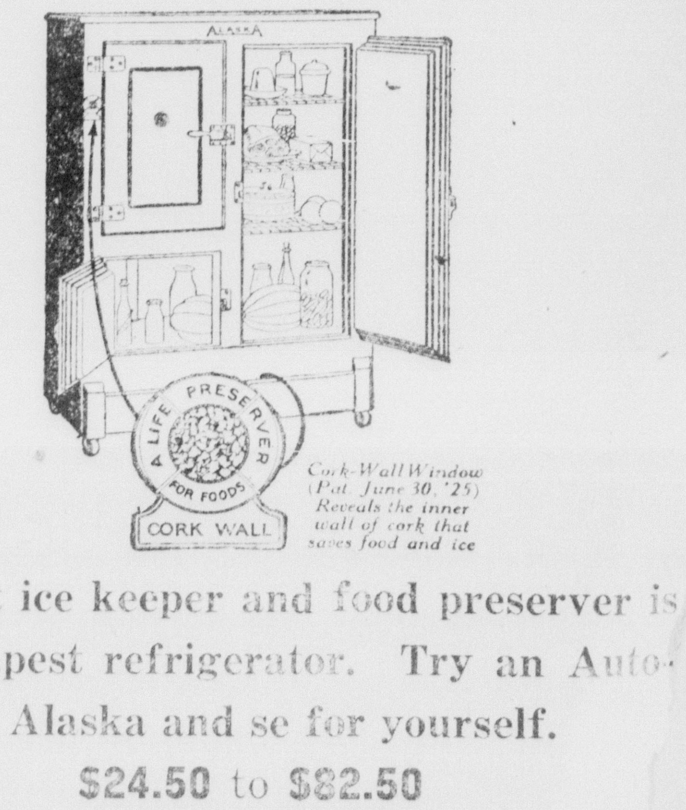


The Florence Automatic Oil Stove is the simplest, safest, and cheapest oil stove you can operate, and is finished in the new gray porcelin with oven thermometer.



The Sellers Cabinet is made of Northern white oak, lock joined construction, and hand rubbed finish. The pride of your home. Priced from $37.50 to $87.50.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Horse Racing to Stage Fair State Come-Back

"There is no doubt about the fact that the horse is staging a come-back," says Otto Herold, superintendent of the horse department of the State Fair of Texas, to be held in Dallas next October.

"This year, from all sides, the new directors were beseiged with petitions to revive horse racing at the fair on a big scale. It seemed that everyone wanted horse races and many said it did not seem like a fair without them.

"So we determined to meet this public demand and we have done our very best to meet it properly. We are building a real fast three-quarter mile track. We will have races every day but Sunday. There will be five races each day. We will have an extra good horse show, with stables of champions from many states. We will stage several fast polo games with big city teams. We will have the pleasure of showing to the horse lovers of Texas that wonder stallion, 'Mr. McElwin,' who holds all speed records at two, three and four years old. This horse is owned in Texas, by W. H. L. McCoutrie, who has consented to exhibit him in harness in front of the grand stand daily. He now holds the world's record for the mile in 1:59:25.

"For added entertainment we will have whippet races, new to Texas. These little grey hounds put up a lightning race and are good fun

"Then we will have in front of the grand stand one of the best hippodrome shows ever offered in this state with plenty of good comedy, many thrills and a fine band, with good singers.

"There will also be day and night fire-works, rounding out a program that should please everyone and more than satisfy the most carping critic.

"And now for the big feature: We shall build no high board fence around our new race track to shut off the view. If you come to the fair and want to see the races, you will not be obliged to patronize the grand stand. You may drive into the grounds, park your car close up to the railing around the track and enjoy the races from your own auto."

BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor R. E. Bell is planning to preach next Sunday night especially to young people, and the young people of the town are invited to be present. Young ladies will serve as ushers and young men will pass for the offering. Both the special music and the congregational singing will be of that live, inspiring kind which appeals to youth.

The closing exercises of the Sunday school next Sunday will be featured by the singing of a group of intermediate girls, who will accompany themselves on their ukeleles. You will forget the hot weather in the charm and enthusiasm of these pretty girls.

New life in the B. Y. P. U. work is being taken by the young people, and more of the young people of the community are invited to come and take part in the services. B. Y. P. U. meets in the three divisions each Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

Attendance at the morning preaching services is increasing and the services last Sunday were very helpful.—R. E. Bell, Pastor

DOUGLASVILLE

A host of relatives were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lisby Sunday.

Misses Nellie and Sarah Byrom visited with Miss Launa Macon Byrom in Rhome Sunday.

Misses Edith and Maxine Ford and Ruth Norman were visitors of Miss Blanche Butler Saturday.

Wash Cagle of Mount Hope, Alabama, is visiting relatives in Wise county for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McBride visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert White, last week.

Douglasvile's baseball team played the Aurora boys Saturday at Aurora, the score being 8 to 7 in favor of Douglasville.

Fragments of Cowboy Ballads in Messenger

Romance has ever woven itself around that modern Knight Errant, the cowboy of the western plains. No more gallant rider drew rein or wore the cross in a crusade. Quite fittingly he had his minstrel, who sang of his deeds and with rhythm lightened his task. Hence the cowboy ballad. His moods and his labor find expression in these naive songs. Many of the verses were woven into ballad as events moved the poet to expression. Practically all of the poets and composers are unknown to fame, but the galloping lilt of some of the trail songs seems to echo the beat of pony hoofs.

Fragments from some of these popular ballads will appear in the monthly magazine section of the Wise County Messenger on August 5th.

MOTHERS

Watch for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms cannot exist where this time-tried and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY—Decatur

Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A Weekly Compilation of Activities of the Schools of Wise County

Transfer Before August 1st.

All transfers must be applied for at this office before August 1st. This applies to all children within the scholastic ages seven to seventeen. All children above the scholastic ages and under twenty-one may attend school in their own district free, or may go to another school and expect their home district to pay their tuition. If their tuition is paid by their home district, then the home district may call upon the state for reimbursement. This applies only in case the home district does not teach their grade. No transfers of any kind may be made after August 1st. Saturday, July 30th, is the last day on which transfers may be made. Idea that the new tuition law made transfers unnecessary is erroneous. Transfer must be made as heretofore and before August 1st.

Forrest Lasater Wins Credits.

Forrest Lasater of Joe Bailey, took the college entrance examinations last May and this week received a report from the state department of education that he had made two units in English, two units in algebra, one-half unit in arithmetic and one-half unit in physiology. This is a fine showing for Forrest and should encourage other children from the rural districts to go and do likewise. These units are the same as affiliated credits and may be used in gaining admittance to any college in Texas. Until we have an affiliated school within reach of every child in Wise county, these college entrance examinations are the only means the rural boys and girls have of earning credits that entitle them to enter college without examination. It is hoped that other students who took these examinations will give this office the results of their efforts to win these coveted credits.

Roe School Raises School Tax.

On July 20th of last week the Roe school district voted an increase of its local tax rate from seventy-five cents to one dollar. The vote stood twelve for the tax and four against. This increase in the tax rate ought to assure Roe of at least seven months of school. Elmer Williamson of Greenwood, and Miss Bernice Maidens of Decatur, have contracted to teach the school next term.

Pedagogical Paragraphs.

Keep the high school boys and girls of Wise county at home by putting an affiliated high school within reach of each one of them.

Moving to town to educate children is bad for the town: it is bad for the parents who move: it is bad for the children—but it is worst for the rural life of Wise county.

Let's not spend fewer dollars on our schools, but let's get greater educational value for each dollar that we do spend.

Equality of educational opportunity should be the goal of every person interested in the educational welfare of Wise county.

There can be no equality of educational opportunity when one child has a term of eighty-five days and another child has a term of one hundred and seventy five days; when one child has to get his schooling from a taxable valuation of $1,000 and another child has a taxable valuation of $12,000 from which to get his education; when one child has ten minute recitations and another child has forty minute recitations; when one child has a mere amateur for a teacher and another child has an experienced expert for a teacher.

Teachers Exams August 12-13.

Teachers' examinations will be held the second Friday and Saturday in August, instead of the first.

Teachers Elected.

Mrs. Martha W. Sherman has signed a contract to teach the Ulman school again next year.

Miss Goldie Bishop of Krum, will teach at Rock Springs the session of 1927-28. Rock Springs is west of Chico.

Miss Alice Prestridge of Decatur, has filed in this office her contract with the trustees at Liles, northwest of Bridgeport.

Clarence Newsome of Tarrant county, has signed a contract to teach the Lake Valley school, north of Alvord.

State Aid for Home Economics.

Aid is again offered for courses in home economics under provisions of the new state aid law. Newark was the only school in Wise county that took advantage of this offer last year, but it is hoped that a number of schools will so avail themselves this coming year.

Oppertunity to Save Money.

Trustees have an opportunity to put quite a sum of money back into the school fund by bringing to this office all of the old spellers. The title of these spellers is "The New World Speller." There is a first book and also a second book. The state has issued a call for both the books. All copies of these old spellers are wanted no matter what the condition. For every copy sent in the state gets three cents, which is the exchange price. Trustees are urged to bring the books in to this office at the earliest date.

Prayer of a Teacher.

Father, between Thy strong hands Thou hast bent
The clay but roughly into shape, and lent
To me the task of smoothing where I may
And fashioning to a gentler form Thy clay.
To see some hidden beauty Thou hadst planned,
Slowly revealed beneath my laboring hand;
Sometime to help a twisted thing to grow
More straight; this is full recompense and so
I give Thee but the praise that Thou wouldst ask—
Firm hand and high heart for the further task.—Dorothy Littlewort in Literary Digest.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

Miss Cleo Horton visited Miss Ollie King Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Waters is one the sick list this week.

Farmers in this community are busy laying their crops by.

Miss Pearl Brock of Decatur, visited Miss Ida Woolaver Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Rosenburg was a guest of Mrs. Sam Johnson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gill and children went to St. Jo Sunday, visiting his cousin, Henry Gill

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"What's all the excitement about?" asked a stranger in a town that shall be nameless here.

"Funeral, mister," replied a native laconically.

"Who's dead?"

"Dunno, mister. Th' lynchin' party ain't got back yet."

"You say financial troubles brought you here?" asked the hospital visitor. "Why, that's hardly possible!"

"It's a fact, tho," retorted the poor patient. "I was crossing to the other side of the street to avoid one of my creditors and saw another creditor on the other side. While I was trying to escape, a car hit me."

A VALUED POSSESSION--

What is your most valued possession? Likely it is a photograph of some friend or loved one. Have you a picture of mother or dad? If not, insist on them coming in for a sitting today.

Perhaps they too would like a picture of you. If you do not have a late picture of yourself, take advantage of this special offer.' Clip the coupon below and come in today for a sitting.

Remember this offer is not good after Monday, August 1, 1927.

THIS COUPON IS WORTH $1.50
if used before August 1, 1927
When applied on an order of
$5.00 or more.

THE BORUM STUDIO

Chico Farmers Should Swat Useless Roosters

Farmers around Chico are finding eleven cent eggs very unprofitable. This is unpleasant, but so long as we insist upon raising fertile eggs in the summer—eggs that will rot in twenty-four hours when subjected to heat—we will get very low prices.

An old rooster is about the most useless thing in the world. All he can do is eat and reduce prices. You say that you can not get what he is worth and for this reason you will not sell him. That is mighty poor business. You had better kill him or give him away than to keep him on the farm. If you can sell him for a dime you have made money—big money. If you pay ysome boy a dim to kill him you are still ahead.—Chico Review.

Story of Watermelons in Parker County Told

It was just twenty years from the time Parker county got in the limelight as a watermelon growing section until it reached the high water mark as a shipping point for this product, and during these years melon growing developed there on a commercial scale as it has in few other localities.

How this one industry was started by a few local farmers around Weatherford and carried on by them until it became national in its commercial scope will be told in the monthly magazine section of the Wise County Messenger to be issued August 5th.

Mrs. J. L. Fraser has returned from a visit with her mother in Bonham.

SORE GUMS NOW CURABLE.

You won't be ashamed to smile again after you use Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading druggists and can not fail to benefit you. Druggists return money if it fails. RENFRO'S DRUG STORE.

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THE GREATEST RODEO SHOW

ever staged in this part of the state, under direct management of Col. Bob Malone, king-pin in the western features entertainment. Bad horses, wild steers and riders that have thrilled devotees of the Rodeo throughout Northwestern states.

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On the Street

MESSENGER Editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a banquet to be tendered to Hon. Will C. Edwards, Denton editor, tonight at the Baker Hotel in Dallas. Bill is returning from a tour of the most interesting sections of England, France, Germany and Spain, and several of the boys of the press have banded together to give him a feed at the big Dallas hostelry, and it is hoped that the returned visitor will tell some thrilling experiences. Among those who will feast and make merry around the groaning board will be State Press of the Dallas News, Sam Harben, secretary of the Texas Press Association, Jim Lowry of Honey Grove, and lesser lights in the glorious profession, in which my old friend, Bill Edwards, shines with brilliancy.

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HUGE BOUQUETS are being tossed at Charley Longmyer and his road crew for the splendid and substantial job of work they have done on the south end of the Meridian Highway. This section of the great road, for several months wearing badly, is now in first class condition. In fact, in the opinion of many, it is better than it has ever been. Longmyer for many years interested in road work in Wise county, being head boss of the precinct one construction crew, was well equipped when he was called to the Meridian Highway job, and his labors since taking over the work have proven his ability as a road constructor. Travelers over the Meridian are making note of the splendid improvement taking place during the past month, and Monday the Messenger editor had occasion to go over it as far south as the Dallas turn-off, and we believe it one of the best pieces of roads we have seen in the state. Some good work has been done by the Longmyer crew on the highway thru the city, which was very badly needed.

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"COMING back to Wise county recalls the visits I used to make in the long ago," said Ex-Senator Joe Bailey to a crowd of friends after the speaking at the Chico picnic, "and it does me good to get back among you people. Thirty seven years ago I made a speech to a Chico crowd, and I never shall forget that splendid reception. I was a candidate for congress, opposing Judge Silas Hare. It was a warm campaign, and the political lines were tightly drawn in that race. Then and afterward I made my friends in this community, and I have never forgotten them." Someone in the crowd around Senator Bailey told this one on the lamented Jim Fulghum. A great gathering of men and women of the Chico country had come about as a result of the news being broadcast that Hare and Bailey would speak in the little city. Judge Hare was the guest of a friend, living near the home where Bailey was a guest. Near the time for the speaking, it is related, Jim Fulghum drove up in a buggy at Bailey's stopping place and invited him to ride down to the arbor where the speaking was to be held. Bailey, believing Fulghum a strong supporter of Hare, replied: "No, I thank you, but I would suggest that you drive over and get the old gentleman, Judge Hare, who is too feeble to walk the distance." Senator Bailey remembered the incident and when it was related he laughed heartily. At the Brown Hotel in Chico, following the greeting of a number of personal friends on the picnic grounds, the senator met three children of one of his staunch friends in his early day political struggles. They were the Picketts, Gus and the Misses Buggy and Electra. Colonel Pickett, in his day one of the most outstanding figures in Wise county politics, was a supporter of Bailey in his race against Silas Hare.

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NEVER has there been anything so courageous, so gallant, so dauntless as Captain Charles Lindbergh's facing the hazards of the Atlantic to make the flight from New York to Paris alone. His triumph gave a thrill to the entire world; his magnificent feat had about it a quality that set it apart as a thing unique. It is not often that with one accord we feel like getting up and cheering, but this is one of those too rare occasions. Both the man and what he has done warrant it. It was not known that his airplane could last the distance, a minimum of 3,600 miles. He was not guarded against disaster at sea, certainly not with a fair chance to survive. All his faculties, his skill, his strength would count for nothing if he lost consciousness in the night or was unable to endure the ordeal. He had to be both pilot and navigator, with no one to relieve him, with no aid to navigation but a compass and no experience in sea flying. Never has there been such intensity of interest in an adventure so fraught with peril. Here was an American to be proud of. The whole world roared applause. Lindbergh's name became a household word. What a man was this "Flying Fool." The nation was spell-bound by his splendid audacity. England was amazed and delighted. France took him to her bosom. The entire story is told in "The Story of Lindbergh, the Lone Eagle," written by Richard J. Beanish, member of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania and author of "America's Part in the World War." More thrilling than fiction and every word true. Messenger has made arrangements with the publishers of this great book, one that should be read by every American, young and old, to secure a number of copies, and an unheard-of offer will be offered to all subscribers of the Messenger. Watch for announcement, and make it your duty to get a copy of this book for your library. Beautifully illustrated, and containing the true story of Lindbergh from his cradle to the present.

CHICO HOST TO BIG CROWDS AT ANNUAL PICNIC

Speaking of Ex-Senator Bailey on Saturday Was a Feature

"Morris Sheppard will never disgrace the state; neither will he distinguish it — and Earle Mayfield clucked too loud to be of any service to the people of Texas, and he knows nothing about democracy," stated Ex-Senator Joe W. Bailey in a speech at the Chico picnic Saturday, addressing a large crowd that had gathered to hear him discuss the political issues of the day. Senator Bailey was introduced to the crowd by Editor Alex Whitehead of the Chico Review, who was presented by Hon. Lee Morris, merchant-banker and one of that community's outstanding citizens. Mr. Bailey was a guest while in Chico of Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

"Before this country can return to the old standards and peace and progress will abound in the land, taxes and skirts will have to come down," said the senator amid much applause. He said he could stand the strain if his countrymen could. "There is too much modernism in this day and time; too many 'isms' and too many politicians. Let us return to the good old days, let us reconsecrate ourselves to the principles of Jefferson," stated the speaker. He said that he was opposed to high salaries for officers, citing the fact that Webster and Calhoun worked as public servants for six dollars per day, "and today we are paying Morris Sheppard and Earle Mayfield ten thousand dollars per year." He asked his hearers to compare Sheppard with Webster and Mayfield with Calhoun and the conclusion, he stated, would be arrived at that we are getting cheated in service; that the tax payers are being filched for what they are receiving.

Senator Bailey mentioned his race for governor, in which he was defeated by Pat M. Neff. He said if the votes he received had been counted and properly tabulated his majority would have been in the neighborhood of seventy-five thousand. He claimed a majority of the women in Texas voted against him on account of his outspoken stand against woman suffrage, but that a big majority of the men democrats rallied to his banner. "Many good women voted for me—not the cigaret smoking, bridge playing and home neglecting kind—the best of women, but their votes were lost or marked 'mutilated' and not tallied for me," he shouted, and the big crowd applauded the remarks.

He reviewed his work in the lower house of congress and as senator, saying "When you people had Charley Culberson and Joe Bailey as your representatives in the senate you got honest service, and you were proud of your representatives. We fought your battles against all enemies of your party. Economy and efficient public service is what we contended for, and there was no wanton waste of the public funds in those days."

Terming the salary amendment as "possibly worse" than the others, Ex-Senator Bailey suggested that tho it was easy to say that the governor of Texas should have $10,000 a year, it is worth inquiry whether our governors have been able to earn $10,000 a year either before or after their terms. Certainly a man ought not to be paid more for public service than he can make in private life. No greater mis-

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U. S. Leads in Mail Service by Airplane

United States is far in the lead of the European countries in commercial aviation, with exception of passenger traffic. No other nation approaches the volume of mail and express carried by American airplanes, and even with a smaller passenger carrying business the commercial aviation mileage of the United States is expected by the end of the year to be almost equal to the total commercial flying mileage of all Europe. These statements were made in an interview recently with Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, in whose department is a division devoted to the encouragement of commercial aviation.

A new era in transportation is here, no doubt, and will bring about as many changes in the social and economic life of America as did the auto. Read what Hoover says about it in the August 5th issue of the Messenger.

EDWARDS IS PUBLISHER OF WASHINGTON PAPER

Denton, July 28. Announcement was made here on Wednesday that Will C. Edwards, editor and proprietor of the Denton Record-Chronicle, has been made publisher of the Washington, D. C. Herald, and will begin his duties in a short time.

Mr. Edwards is well known thru out the newspaper world and also has been active in state politics and in Rotarian circles. He served as member of the legislature from Denton county and in 1924 was candidate for lieutenant governor, going into the run-off with Barry Miller.

Practically his entire life has been spent in newspaper work. When a mere boy he was correspondent and agent at Denton for The Dallas Morning News and represented them in that capacity for many years. He also has done staff work for many big dailies.

In 1902 he acquired the Denton Record-Chronicle from Wm. H. Reilly and Corbin Johnson when it was a small weekly. In 1903 he added a daily edition and has made it one of the most efficient small city newspapers in Texas.

Former Citizen Died at Home in Tyler Monday

Williams Spears, prominent citizen of Tyler, former resident of Decatur died at his home in that city Monday. About twenty-two years ago, Spears with his family moved from Decatur to Tyler, where he engaged in business. For years he was an honored citizen of Decatur, and his many friends among the old timers will be grieved to learn of his death. He was a son-in-law of the late Captain Andy Shoemaker, pioneer citizen of Wise county.

Surviving are his wife and four children, two boys and two girls.

TWO INJURED IN FIGHT ON FARM NORTH OF CITY

Owner Attacked Tenant Farmer—Released on $1000 Bond

In an altercation on the Everett farm in the Greenwood country last Friday afternoon, participated in by Mr. Everett and his tenant, F. A. Fagan, both combatants were painfully injured. For some time, it is said, bad feelings have existed between the two men, caused by some disagreement over rentals and land, and Friday afternoon they met in a pasture on the farm and the fight occured.

Reports say Fagan was in the pasture looking for stray mules when Everett drove up in automobile. Hot words passed, when Everett, armed with a thirty-eight pistol, began clubbing Fagan over the head. The pistol, so the report runs, had been borrowed by Everett and he did not know how to operate it. An iron bar was also used by Everett on Fagan, who claims he was unarmed. Everett stated that Fagan was armed, and a search of the premises was made by officers searching for a pistol.

When brought to town and treated at the offices of Dr. P. J. Fullingim and Dr. S. J. Petty, both men were covered with blood. Fagan in Dr. Fullingim's office was treated for four severe wounds in his head. Everett, examined by Dr. Petty, was found to have escaped any serious injury, and the blood on his face and clothing was from the wounds he inflicted on the head of Fagan. One slight wound above Everett's left eye was caused, stated Fagan, by Everett hitting himself during the difficulty.

Everett was arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Oma Cartwright and Luther Craft and placed in jail, but shortly afterward was released on a $1,000 bond. He is the owner of a large tract of land in the Greenwood section, but his home is in Dallas. For several years Mr. Fagan has been a renter on the Everett farm. In last district court a suit was tried in which these gentlemen were involved, and since that time, state citizens familiar with the transactions between the two men bad feelings have existed.

Mr. Fagan has been a citizen in that community for a long number of years, and he bears a good reputation, says his neighbors.

Miss Frances Fullingim is attending a summer school in Boulder, Colorado and in writing to the Messenger to have her paper changed to that address, she says: "I feel sorry for you heat sufferers down there."

Fred Freeman of Denton, was here Tuesday.

Poisoning of Boll Weevil in Wise County Should Begin Early, Says Agent Jameson

At this time of year much is said but little done about the damage of the boll weevil to the cotton crop of Wise county. Agent E. C. Jameson has been very busy trying to get cotton growers in various parts of the county to poison the weevil and thereby reduce the damage of that insect to a very great extent.

It has been proved by repeated tests that the best poison to use for the weevil is calcium arsenate. And this poison is the most effective and also is lower in price than most of the other poisons.

Before poisoning a crop for the weevil it is wise to consider the probable amount of cotton that will be made per acre in order to see whether or not it will be profitable to use the poison. One can be sure that poisoning will be a profitable practice for him if he thinks that his cotton will produce a quarter of a bale per acre, but it is doubtful if it pays to poison cotton that will not produce at least that much.

Most effective poisoning is done by the use of a machine. These machines can be purchased for various prices, and some of them very cheap, considering the benefit that they will be to the cotton farmer. Hand machines are very good where there is not a very large acreage to be dusted. The machines range in price from six to twenty dollars, and one man with one of these machines should poison from five to seven acres per day. Machines that are horse drawn come higher, but they are capable of poisoning many acres per day and for that reason the cost per acre is small.

In poisoning for the weevil about five pounds should be used per acre and the poison should be dusted on early in the morning when the dew is still on the cotton so as to make the arsenate stick longer.

Treatment should be repeated in about eight days, or sooner if a rain comes and washes off the poison.

Cost of calcium arsenate this season is about seven and one-half cents per pound; so the cost per acre, using five pounds per acre, would be around forty cents per acre, and when it is no higher than that it will be worth a cotton farmer's time and money to save at least half of his crop by the use of calcium arsenate. The time is rapidly coming when the cotton farmer must give thought to the fighting of insects as well as to the methods of plowing, cultivation and other practices that he follows in the production of cotton. It is easier and much more profitable to poison and harvest all the cotton that a farmer's land produces than it is to harvest half, not poison and give the other half to the weevil.

Good Premium List for the County Fair

Premiums to be offered by the Wise County Fair committee in the department of community exhibits should be sufficient to stimulate an interest on the part of neighborhoods to throw in their collective lots and bring forward exhibits to compete for these prizes. Fifty dollars will be paid as a first prize, and twenty-five as a second.

Exhibits should be composed of products of the farm, garden, orchard and the home department, inclusive of domestic economy. If any community is interested and desires the help and assistance of the committee, the same will be furnished if application will be made to secretary of the chamber of commerce, Cliff Cates, at Decatur. If it is desired to hold a meeting anywhere to organize for the effort, some member of the fair committee will be glad to attend and assist if notified of the meeting in advance.

WORK ON BEALL WELL RESUMED THIS WEEK

Work of removing the obstruction in the Hattie Beall well, east of Decatur, is progressing as the Messenger goes to press. New ten inch casing was moved on the ground yesterday morning to replace that which has been taken from the hole in the effort to dislodge the wedged drill stem. The work is progressing favorably, and drilling will be resumed in a short time.

Newark well, southwest of Decatur, is looking good, says a report from there last night.

Brumlow well, north of town, was spudded in yesterday, says a report.

No news has come from the Fred Milligan well in Greenwood section. Much trouble has been experienced by the operators on this test, and work has been slow, owing to disagreements arising among the promoters and the operating crews.

BOND HEARING IN WILL WATTS CASE MONDAY

In district court Monday morning at ten o'clock, before Judge F. O. McKinsey, habeas corpus proceedings in the Will Watts case will be opened by the defense attorney, M. W. Burch, for purpose of having the bail bond set by Judge McKinsey several days ago, reduced. A $4,500 bond was set by the court at a previous hearing and this amounts, contends Attorney Burch, is excessive, and he will ask Judge McKinsey to lower it.

Watts, about forty-nine years of age, is charged by indictment with rape, the complaining witness being his daughter, Maude, fourteen years of age, who made a statement to County Attorney F. A. Davenport and Sheriff George Gage that her father abused her on five different occasions. These acts, stated the Watts girl, took place soon after the death of her grandmother, and when she was taken in charge by her father.

For several years the girl had been making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Watts, who died in the early part of June. Watts was arrested on complaint of neighbors, following an investigation of his alleged bad treatment of his daughter.

Since his arrest Watts has been in the county jail, while his daughter is being cared for by friends in the north part of the city.

It is believed that one of the largest crowds that has ever attended a court proceeding in Wise county will be in attendance when his case is called on Monday morning. It is probable that if the case is gone into in details, Judge McKinsey will promulgate a ruling that will bar young men and young girls from listening in on the proceeding.

Tag Sale for Reunion Quarters for Two Days

A bevy of the charming young ladies of the town, under the direction of Miss Bell Ford, will greet you next Saturday and Monday, neighbor, to hang a tag on your manly bosom. They will extract a small extraction from your plethoric purse, the combined total of which will be used to provide the old confederate soldiers with comfortable sleeping quarters for the occasion of their annual reunion in Joe Wheeler Park, August 10th, 11th and 12th.

AIR-LINE HIWAY IDEA IS GAINING IN POPULARITY

New St. Jo Bridge Adds Impetus—Meeting Here Monday

Decatur, thru its chamber of commerce, has shown a disposition to work and co-operate with any part or section of Wise county which is trying to obtain a better outlet to markets for its products thru and by the only medium that is available—good hard road. In response to this sentiment a meeting that proposes to supply a highway to the north and northeast section of the county—to Greenwood, Slidell and to a great and needy section lying between these communities and Oklahoma City—was held in the chamber of commerce hall Monday night. The gathering was held at the solicitation of these communities and at particular urgence of the Wilson, Oklahoma, chamber of commerce, in the person of George Legate, its representative.

In attendance were delegates from Wilson, Oklahoma, St. Jo and the southern parts of Montague county, Greenwood, Fort Worth and a large representation from Decatur.

President C. P. Dodson of the local chamber of commerce presided. An explanation and appeal was outlined by Mr. Legate. He reported that the finest bridge ever constructed across the Red River to accomodate interstate, international and local travel over the road would be completed north of St. Jo about August 15th, and that a celebration to mark the event would be held about that date somewhere in the proximity of the bridge. Invitations were cordially extended to the event.

Mr. Legate pointed out the significance of what ultimately will become a great highway, important enough in its potential strength and promise to warrant the state and federal governments in allocating funds to aid in its initial construction. Already he said the near completion of the essential bridge crossing had influenced contigious sections on the east and west of the highway to begin efforts to build lateral roads to connect up with the main north and south stem.

With exception of about thirty miles a gravel or concrete highway now extends from the bridge all the way to Oklahoma City. Big oil fields lie on the route both in Oklahoma and Texas, and consequential big markets for Texas produced farm commodities. Southern Oklahoma and North Texas counties seek a market for farm and live stock stuff at Fort Worth by this proposed route, and long distance traffic all the way to Canada would use it because of the shortened distance that would ensue from building a road over a direction that is as straight as a crow would fly north and south. A scope of country fifty miles wide east and west between Ardmore and Waurika on the Oklahoma side, and between Gainesville and Ringgold on the Texas side, now without highway facilities and outlets, would benefit by this road. Distance between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth would be materially reduced, leading to the utilization of the Air-Line Highway in preference to other and longer ones now in use.

S. H. Camp, head of the Citizens National Bank of St. Jo, former Montague county Representative Bob Cable and others of the St. Jo delegation stressed the improvements that would flow to the agricultural and commer-

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Popular Decatur Lady Wedded Childress Man

Miss Iris Brown of this city, and J. Earl Lesley of Childress, were married Thursday morning, July 28th, at ten o'clock in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. S. Boyd in Fort Worth, Rev. Eugene B. Hawk, pastor of the First Methodist church of that city, officiating with the ring ceremony.

Mrs. Lesley is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown, prominent citizens of Decatur for many years. She is attractive, winsome and talented. The groom is a business man of the Childress county capital.

After a short trip, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley will be at home in Childress, where Mr. Lesley has an attractive new home prepared for his bride.

HOME-MADE CANDLER FOR EGGS GREAT HELP

Eggs are still more or less plentiful at this season, and a little later on they will not be quite so plentiful. The result will be that there will appear the temptation to hold eggs before selling so that the price will go up some. Here is where the danger lies in that practice. On most farms, that is, general farms, and fruit farms too, where poultry is not given all the attention it should have, the males are permitted to run with the flock in summer as in the spring, when breeding is done. The eggs thus obtained are, therefore, fertile. With the hot weather of summer these eggs are very likely to start developing if they are held very long before selling. Eggs should be disposed of twice a week at least, preferably three times a week.

This, then, is one factor that affects quality in table eggs. Another is the fact that quite often hens will steal their nests and lay a number of eggs before the nest is discovered. Many of these eggs will be unfit for use, but sometimes they are included in the lot that is to be sold. This should be watched carefully and avoided. It is a good plan to have a home-made egg candler handy and test all eggs before they are sold. Such a candler is not difficult to make: a piece of stove pipe with a hole in it about the size of an egg will do very well. Set the pipe over the lamp so the hole comes opposite the flame, and by holding an egg up to this hole a great deal can be determined about the inside of the egg. A normal egg that is fit for consumption will appear clear except for the orange colored yolk, and the air cell will be very, very small if it is a strictly fresh egg: that is, a trifle less than the size of a ten cent piece in diameter. An egg that is dark or black shows that some embryo growth has taken place, is unfit for food.

It is difficult under some circumstances to maintain quality in eggs during the summer months, but it can be done. Hold eggs at a temperature of not higher than sixty-five degrees if possible; make sure that all eggs are gathered every night; sell eggs often, twice or three times a week; remove the males from the flock to produce infertile eggs; don't let eggs set in the sun on the way to market.

According to the provision of the state constitution "No senator or state representative shall, during the term for which he may be elected, be eligible to any civil office of profit under this state which shall have been created or the emoluments of which may have been increased during such term; no member of either house shall, during the term for which he is elected, be eligible to any office or place, the appointment to which may be made in whole or in part, by either branch of the legislature." Plain, understandable reading, Mr. Voter, as plain as the nose on your face, as understandable as any law in the books! Yet, so the records show, eight members of the present legislature are serving on a commission in Austin, and drawing down healthy wages from the state treasury—ten "bucks" per day and traveling expenses. And the information comes that every mother's son of 'em is poping loud and long for the amendments. Strange doings down Austin way, Mr. Voter; better come alive to the conditions and [illegible] the day next Monday.

"It's a wonderful age we are living in. Serviceable bones are being manufactured from celluloid, and—"

"Heavens, it seems impossible."

"It's a fact, tho. I lost a game with a pair of them yesterday."

May: "I heard you had a new beau. How are you getting on with him?"

June: "Oh, very well. The first time he called he took Toto, my poodle, in his lap. Next time he took Baby Sis, so I s'pose it'll be my turn next."

State Fair Cattle Show Will Be Greatest Ever

For forty-one years the State Fair of Texas has been bringing the best from fields and pastures before the interested visitors from the great domain of the southwest. For equally as long the breeders of Shorthorns have been, as is the fair, working to improve the quality of their product.

It is a marked change today, to see the modern Shorthorn as compared with the old fashioned kinds that paraded the tan bark at Dallas forty-one years ago. For styles in cattle change as surely as do styles in the clothes of women.

Forty years ago the ideal type of Shorthorn, universally called "Durhams," was a wide, table backed animal, standing on long legs and with a tendency to long necks and an uneven carcass.

Now the modern Shorthorn is a short legged, deep bodied, even fleshed beast. In addition, the modern Shorthorn weighs in eighteen months what the old type did in three years. The breed has changed with the times and now a steer is matured in half the time of the older kinds, and this with no sacrifice of the famous milking qualities that have made Shorthorns known the world over as the ideal "farmer's cow."

The first improved cattle brought to Texas were Shorthorns, and the work they did to change the old fashioned long horn steer into an efficient beef package has brought untold wealth to Texas. And to the ranges it has brought better beef, matured in the shortest length of time. The State Fair of Texas has been possibly the most important factor in brining to people of this immense territory the actual proof of the merits of improved catle. The crowds that thronged the cattle barns at Dallas forty years ago took home lessons that have meant millions to them and the whole state.

Discouraged?

Probably the easiest thing in the world for most of us is to become discouraged.

It is inevitable that at one time or another we feel that our efforts are being wasted and that it isn't much use to try any longer.

Did you know that when Abraham Lincoln was forty-four he wrote to a friend declaring his career seemed doomed to disappointment and expressing discouragement in the strongest possible terms?

Not all of us, of course, can rise from our discouragements to do what Lincoln did.

But it's worth remembering. It ought to help spur us on to the new endeavor the next time we think we are sort of stuck.—Sand and Spray.

A New York messenger boy walking rapidly aroused suspicion and he was arrested for burglary.

Henry Ford and Aaron Sapiro have arrived at an agreement out of court, so reports say, and Henry is to pay something like $200,000 into the till of the industrious Jew. Henry, the same reports says, thinks the price is low.

GENTRY FAMILY HELD REUNION NEAR TOWN

On the Tom Gentry homestead, six miles south of Decatur, where Mr. Gentry has lived continuously for the past forty-three years, there gathered Sunday, July 17th, all of Mr. Gentry's children and a large number of grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and friends for a family reunion.

Mr. Gentry come to Texas in the early eighties from Mississippi, and shortly after reaching Texas he moved to Wise county. For two or three years he lived on the Harry Hatsell farm, just southwest of Decatur, and then moved to the place where he still lives. Of the children now living Mrs. R. N. Rogers lives at Gallegos, New Mexico; Mrs. W. M. Rhine lives in the Brumlow community, north of Decatur; J. E. Gentry lives in the Joe Bailey community, south of Decatur; and J. H. Gentry and Mrs. Wallace Gregg live in Decatur. At the great spread of good things to eat for dinner there were forty-three persons to enjoy the feast.

Those participating in this happy family reunion were: Mrs. R. N. Rogers of Gallegos, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gentry, hosts to the group; Mrs. M. Anderson of Quanah, sole surviving sister of Mr. Gentry; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry and four children of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gentry and five children of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhine and four children of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregg of Decatur; Mrs. Arnold Giles and two children of Bridgeport; Mrs. Iva Hill and three children of Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson and two children of Decatur; Mrs. Hattie Anderson of Quanah; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rhine of Decatur; and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Walker of Decatur.

A man went to his doctor and requested treatment for his ankle. After a careful examination the doctor inquired:

"How long have you been going about like this?"

"Two weeks."

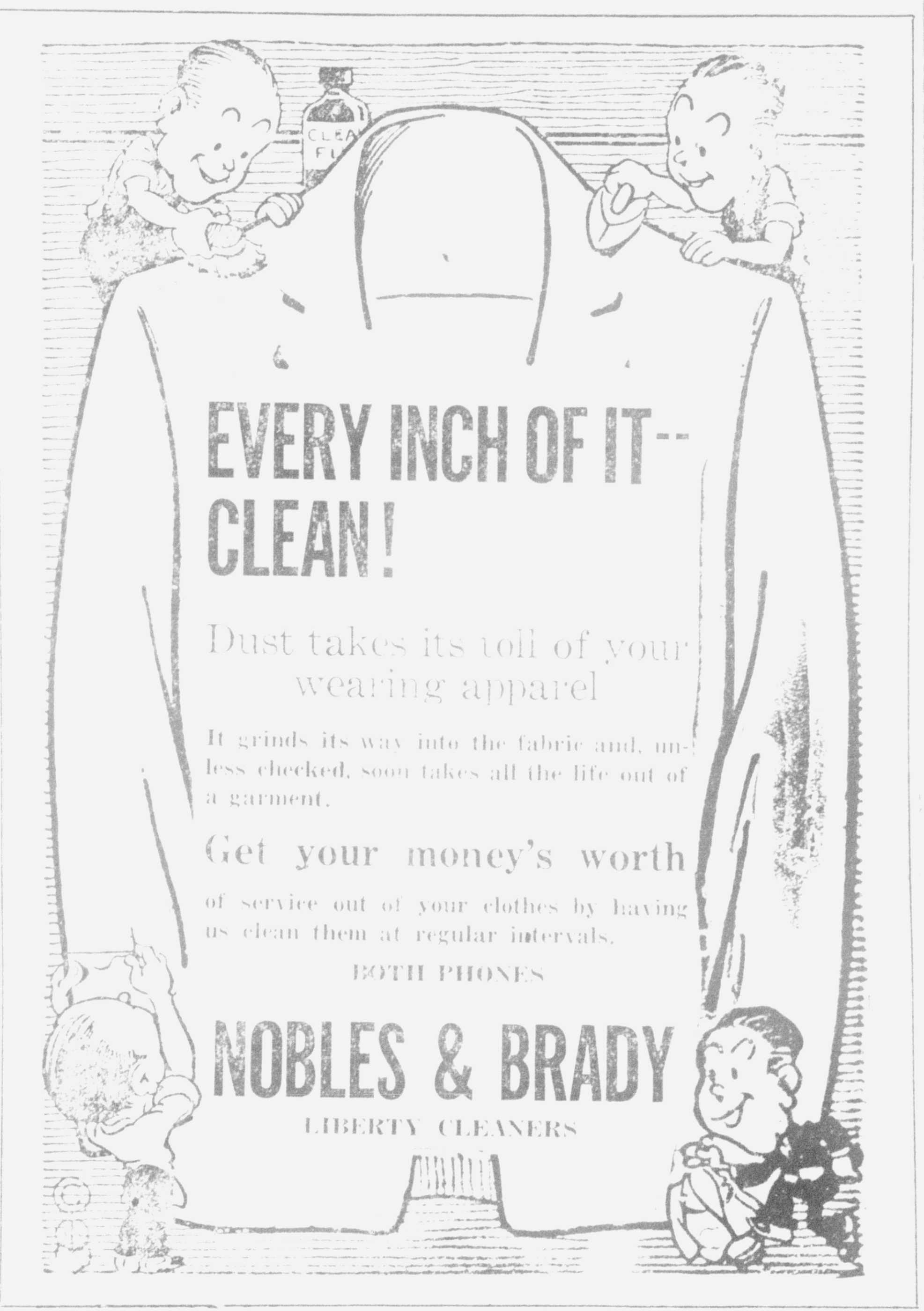
"Why, man, your ankle is broken. How you managed to get around is a marvel. Why didn't you come to me at first?"

"Well, doctor, every time I say anything is wrong with me my wife declares I'll have to stop smoking."

A neighbor went early one morning to have her husband, a barber, cut her hair.

"Have you heard any news this morning?" she asked him.

"No!" he answered. "You're the first women that's been in."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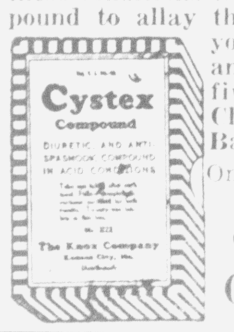
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Chevrolets Being Used by Ice Cream Concern

Refrigerator automobiles, capable of maintaining a constant temperature of near zero denote a new advance in the adaptation of the motor car to every type and kind of transportation problem.

Twenty Chevrolet chasses were recently purchased by the Detroit branch of a national firm whose business is selling ice cream and ice cream products on the major traffic arteries in and around the city.

On every chassis is mounted a specially constructed body into which the refrigerator has been built as a unit. The refrigerator occupies the upper section of the body, while beneath it is the cooled compartment with a capacity of nine hundred and sixty bricks of ice cream. The temperature of this compartment, according to Pat Potter, special representative for the company, is maintained at from five to ten degrees above zero to insure that ice cream bricks and "suckers" will be sufficiently hard frozen to tempt the parched motorist.

"This refrigerator," Mr. Potter explained, "has a six inch insulated wall and capacity of three hundred pounds of ice and seventy-five pounds of salt. Average consumption of ice in twenty-four hours is one hundred and twenty-five pounds. This is packed into the tank thru an opening on the roof, and is sufficient to keep the ice cream appetizing in the hottest climate."

Every morning the twenty trucks at the Detroit office take on a fresh supply and then hurry to designated places around the city. All sales are made by the road-side from these portable store-rooms. Chevrolets were selected to carry the refrigerators, it was explained, in order to get rapid, economical and dependable transportation and at the same time neat and attractive cars with a "sales appeal."

In addition to the Detroit branch others are operated in twenty-five leading cities extending from coast to coast in the United States.

Suitable Cotton Goods for Every Temperature

You can wear cotton to be cool. There are many kinds of cotton fabrics, each useful for a specific purpose according to the way in which it is made, the bureau of home economics of the United States department of agriculture says.

For example, if you want to feel cool you will dress so as to permit evaporation of moisture from the body, a process which requires a constant circulation of air thru the clothing. Cotton as a fiber is a good conductor of heat; that is, heat passes thru steadily. For coolness, however, you must choose the thin, open, flat and smooth weaves among cotton goods, those which enclose no air and permit a maximum of air circulation. Fabrics of this type are voile, batiste, organdy, lawn and dimity. These materials do not absorb great moisture or perspiration. It is evaporated by air circulating from the skin, giving the sensation of coolness to the body.

Advertise it in the Messenger.

Texas Blue Bonnet Legends Interesting in Explaining Origin of the Lone Star Flower

The blue bonnet has a history not as interesting perhaps as the thistle or rose, or fleur de lie of La Bell France, but interesting just the same.

Some years ago, Mrs. Lida Lee of Austin, gave the following story in regard to the Texas blue bonnet. It is interesting:

Blue bonnets which grow in profusion in Texas were brought from Jerusalem by Spanish missionaries to the southwest. Texas Folklore Society presents the suggestion as but one of the legends purporting to show how these popular flowers came into the Lone Star state.

Missionaries, so Mrs. Lee's account says, planted the seeds in the mission gardens where they grew and bloomed, and soon spread beyond the mission lands.

Another version of the legend is also given by Mrs. Mattie Austin Hatcher of the University of Texas, who had it from a woman of Mexico City: Prayers of the priests and pleadings of the people brought no relief from a pestilence which ravaged the land of the Aztecs. At length the god to whom they prayed proclaimed that a living sacrifice of some sinless human being must be made to atone for the wickedness of the people. An Aztec maiden offered herself. When she went up to the altar on the hill-side, her little bonnet fell unnoticed from her head and the next morning the ground around the altar was covered with flowers in the pattern and color of her bonnet, each splashed with the hue of her spilled blood. The pestilence passed and now the Mexicans call the flower "el conejo," cotton tail rabbit, but in Texas it is the blue bonnet.

Mrs. Bruce Reid furnished another legend of Indian origin which she got from the late Jack Mitchell, whose people, she said, lived for fifty years among the Indians of the piney woods and cross timbers of Texas.

A great flood and a greater drouth followed a bitter winter which covered the land in a sheet of ice. All game was dead or gone; the Indians were not only starving but a disease broke out among them. It was clear that the Great Spirit had turned his face away. Day and night the medicine men chanted incantations, danced to the music of their sacred tom tom and mutilated their bodies for a promise from the angered spirit. At last the Great Spirit spoke. In penance for wrong doing which had brought evils upon the tribe, there must be burned an offering of its most valuable possession and the ashes of this offering must be scattered to the four winds.

Among those who sat in discreet silence beyond the ring of anxious warriors gathered around the camp fire was a maiden too young for the heavy burden of womanhood. In the folds of her scanty garments she clasped a figure fashioned into the likeness of a papoose, with long braids of horse hair and painted to resemble her kind with the juice of various berries. She had robed it in a skirt, mantle and head-dress of blue jay feathers. She would almost have died before she would have parted with it. All night she pondered the question of sacrificing it. At last she arose from the side of her sleeping mother, seized a bit of smouldering wood from the tepee fire and slipped out of the tepee, praying that her offering might be accepted, built a fire of twigs and grasses and thrust her beloved papoose into the flames. The ashes she scooped up and scattered to the east and the west, and the north and the south. As she extinguished the remains of the fire and patted the earth smooth again, she felt something soft beneath her hand. Believing it a sign for which she prayed, she would have seized it, but found it rooted to the ground. The next morning around the spot where she had burned the image of the papoose, as far as the ashes had traveled in the early spring night breeze, there was a blanket of such blue flowers as had never before enriched the land-scape.

When the chief of the medicine men had heard the story and had seen for himself the expanse of flowers, he called the tribe together and proclaimed the command of the Great Spirit had been obeyed.

At once the verdure reappeared, gaily colored wild flowers covered the open spaces and the four footed things came back. Because of the buffalo, whose shaggy herds of old thundered across the far flung prairies, were so fond of its succulent abundance, the blue flower was given an Indian name which the pale faces translated into "buffalo clover." It bore prodigious quantities of fertile seed and rapidly extended the limits of its growth.

Eight women have paid the death penalty for murder in the United States during the past twelve years, the last execution of a woman being in the year 1918.

Ether was first used as an anesthetic in a surgical operation on March 30th, 1842, by Dr. Crawford Long of Jefferson, Georgia.

Lady Astor says having a husband is a full time job. And how about being one?

Tearing Down of Old Buildings Here Begun

In the north part of Decatur the past week two more old shacks of buildings were torn down and gotten out of sight. Nobody will sing requiem, nobody will sorrow to see them go. They may have been good old structures in the past and forlorn days of home kept cows and buggy rides, but in this hour of automobiles and bottled milk had become antiquities and strictly out of form.

So there are two less of these old legacies to mar the otherwise fair landscape of the beautiful city of Decatur, a town that will become even more fair and beautiful in the proportion that its citizens move with success to the studied removal of old wrecks, hulls and houses from untroubled sight.

"A car?" stormed an angry father. "Of course you can't have a car! Why you would be absolutely helpless if you found yourself with a flat tire."

"Oh, no, I wouldn't, daddy," the daughter retorted confidently. "I've given flat tires the air before this."

R. F. Gilliland and family of Fort Worth, spent several days here with relatives.

Concert by Decatur Band Friday night, August 5th, court house lawn.

An English corporation has been organized to produce salt from the Dead Sea.

Laverne Handley Was Buried Here Thursday

Little Miss Brooks Laverne Handley eight years of age, died instantly Tuesday morning, eight-thirty o'clock at the home of her parents Mr. and Msr. S. D. Handley in Bellevue. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church of Decatur. Rev. J. A. Mathew assisted by Rev. Hamilton officiating. Little Misses Elizabeth Boyd, Frances Duncan, Mermila Mikework, and Polly Gilliland of Bellevue playmates of little Brooks Laverne were the flower girls. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. L. Mayfield, W. L. McNeill, L. C. West, C. J. Aulick, L. S. Spivey, and W. I. Boyd of Bellevue. Interment was made in the Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Ted Borum was a Bridgeport visitor Sunday.

Band concert on court house lawn next Friday night.

ONE IN TEN

Neglecting a little wound, cut or abrasion of the flesh may in nine cases out of ten cause no great suffering or inconvenience, but it is the one case in ten that causes blood poisoning, lockjaw or a chronic festering sore. The cheapest, safest and best course is to disinfect the wound with liquid Borozone and apply the Borozone Powder to complete the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and $1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

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Pullman Company lost half a million in three months, which will afford fiendish delight to all its insomnia victims.

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BRING YOUR radio for repair to Embry Hoyl at Champion Shoe Shop next Saturday and Monday. Satisfaction guaranteed. (30)

A CURE—A vegetable cure for burning feet of old people; can sleep good after first application. Send $1.10 for package; guaranteed or your money back. R. E. FLORIDA, route four, Decatur. (29-tf)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE or trade for Bowie property—125x125 foot lot, five room house, two story; also five room house with bath, on West Walnut, one block of square. This is good property and will sell or trade. Write T. B. VASTINE, Bowie. (30)

WHO WANTS a sweet toned Bush & Gerts piano, in perfect condition, for $150.00 cash? At my home on North Trinity street. MRS. H. W. SMITH, Decatur. (30)

FOR SALE—Power syrup mill, almost new, evaporator and furnace; half price; also Ford touring car cheap. C. B. MECASKEY, route four. (30)

FOR SALE or trade—Good used Ford truck. P. R. BAITS, Decatur. (30)

FOR SALE CHEAP—One Home Comfort steel range; uses wood or coal. See C. L. CHRISTIAN. (30)

FOR SALE—High class Jersey springers. MAT MOONEY, one mile northwest of Decatur. (30)

FOR SALE—Three god five-year-old mules. D. O. LAWSON, at Decatur Motor Company Filling Station. (30)

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NICE four room cottage for rent; all rooms equipped for gas and electricity. INGRAM DRUG CO. (29-tf)

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On account of a much needed rest, I will be closed the month of August for a vacation. Will be back the first of September with a more complete stock of Groceries to supply your needs.

I thank you all for the nice business you have given me in the past and will serve you better in the future. I will sell all of my present stock of Groceries at COST on Saturday and Monday.

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Decatur, Texas

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Beautiful Voiles
Beautiful sheer voiles; 39 inches wide—regular 35c value—now
18c

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Krinkled bed spreads—size 80 by 90 inches—now priced for only—
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One counter good gingham and shirtings—Special at—
10c yard

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Ice tea glasses go on sale Saturday and Monday only—
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A Saturday and Monday special only; and a big money saver at
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Silk rayon bed spreads, n rose, pink, blue, gold and orchid—
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Flock Dot Voiles
36-inch Flock dot voiles in the newest patterns for only
10c yard

Turkish Towels
Bordered Turkish towels; sizes 18 by 31—now selling for only—
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Men's black or brown cotton socks now going at only—
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Auto or Thermos Jugs; regular $2.50 values for only—
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Summer Unions
Men's and boys summer unions now going for only—
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NEW WIRTHMORE HOUSE DRESSES
New Wirthmore ladies house dresses in a big range of patterns, regular $1.50 values, July Clearance Sale price 98c

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Your unrestricted choice of any Florsheim shoe or oxford, $10.00 value, all sizes, July Clearance Sale price $7.85

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SOUTHWESTERN 50 TELEPHONES INDEPENDENT 45

Friday Morning, July 29, 1927

Watch your step Mr. Voter; the shrewd politician is abroad in the land.

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The latest one on the absent-minded man is this: He slammed his wife and kissed the door.

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High skirts and high taxes are retarding the growth of the country, is the claim of an authority.

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According to a statement of Senator Joe Bailey, "Morris Sheppard will never disgrace the state; neither will he distinguish it."

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In Georgia it is not a serious offense for bootleggers to lay down a smoke screen when being pursued by officials. That's in Georgia.

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On with the work of connecting up the Thirty-Ninth Highway. The traveling public and the farmers living in the Decatur-Bridgeport territory are awaiting the day when they can travel a travelable road in the western part of the Wonderful County.

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Cisco, celebrating the opening of its big bridge and completion of a monster dam, pulled off a bathing beauty contest, and reports say the affair was staged in big town style, the winsome winner having everything a bathing beauty should have and a thing more.

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Governor Dan Moody, according to a statement of the Austin Statesman, will not be a candidate for United States senator, but will be chosen for a second term as governor without opposition. Since this amendment affair bobbed up, Messenger would advise Dan to hold what he has.

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If you would assist the old confederate soldiers in rebuilding their quarters at the Joe Wheeler Park reunion, buy a tag from one of the pretty girls who will be out and about next Saturday and first Monday soliciting funds for the good cause. Be tagged by a beauty and feel the exhilerating feeling of having done something worth while.

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Time was, when a federal officer was "a sight." Today, you bump into one at every turn. Continue the clip we have been pacing for the last twenty years, and the day is not far distant when representatives of the Washington government will regulate our daily routine. And then what broke loose in Georgia when Sherman sauntered to the sea will be recorded a pink affair in comparison.

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During a Ku Klux Klan parade at Grand Prairie the other night a free-for-all fight was put over and it was necessary for a force of Dallas policemen to come over and quell the disturbance. Pistols, clubs and fists were used by the fighters, and when the blue coated minions from the city on the banks of the raging Trinity arrived a number of the paraders and spectators were ready for the hospital wagon.

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Lindbergh is devoted to his mother; he is a doer and not a talker. He has never grown a fuzzy line on his upper lip, and there is no record of his having been a village cut-up. There is not a spark of the town sheik in his make-up, and he has never lolled on the counter at the soda water joint and dated the town flappers. He has never posed as the pace setter for the flips and flops in the community. And yet he staged a triumph that thrilled the entire world; performed a feat that drew the applause of the nations of the earth. Strange, thinks the sleek dandy on the street corner, the apple and heroic figure in the eye of Sauntering Sadie, the village vamp.

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For the first time in the history of elections in Texas, the [illegible] of the state are called upon to [illegible] and participate in one set [illegible] day in the week. [illegible] elections have been called on Saturday, a day on which the farmer and laborers can "take off" without interfering with their work. But the election to decide the fate of the amendments has been set for Monday. The politicians designating this day are hoping the country and laboring vote will not find time to come and participate in the fun and frolic. Sometimes the politicians are given a shaking up; sometimes they are consternated and rendered helpless by the unexpected stunts of the fellows in jumperalls and yarn galluses. Sometimes the "fool farmer" takes the bit in his mouth and upsets the best laid plans of politicians and office seekers. We'll see what we'll see.

Wherever you find good roads and good schools, there you will find a contented people.

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Should Denton-town get cityfied and decide to create a zoo, we suggest that Loafer, star writer on the Record-Chronicle, be elevated to the position of keeper of the institution.

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A concentration of power in the hands of the few is more dangerous to the peace and happiness of the people than swashbuckling armies, we have been told. Delegate Washington with the handling of your rights and liberties, and the day dawns when the Alamo will mean nothing, and the efforts of Jefferson will be the butts of jokes.

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Messenger is in receipt of a communication from a number of the leading attorneys of the state, asking the good publication to give support to the amendments to be voted on Monday, August 1st. Looking over the list of "leading attorneys" we find several from the ranks of office seeking politicians; fellows who have been standing in the vicinity of the pie counter for years. Just wondering if they are expecting anything.

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When Jack county voters went about looking for a man to capably represent them in the house of representatives in Austin, they did not seek out a politician or a spellbinder; they were alive to the conditions, and students, hankering for athletic honors and society standing, were not listed. On the contrary, Jack county voters went to the farming district and called a man of sound sense and ripe experience—a farmer—and our sister county on the west is getting able representation in George Ware, plain farmer.

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The governor of Indiana is accused of accepting a tidy sum from D. C. Stephenson, one time chief and high cock-a-lorum of the hooded forces, now serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for murdering a girl. The governor is out with a statement in which he says Steve is vexed and vengeful because he can't get the a pardon in the state house. The chief executive admits being on chummy terms with Stevenson, when that worthy was high in the councils of the klan organization, but bitterly denies that he accepted a $2,000 bribe.

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Miss Dean's Dog-Gone Husband.

Hazel Dean, motion picture actress, in her suit for annulment of marriage, declares she would not have married Hugh Anderson, Hollywood masseur, if she hadn't lost her dog. She says she was looking for her dog when she met Anderson.—Wise County Messenger.

She was looking for her pet Pom that got lost when she met Anderson, was she? Well, if she was so crazy about the dog, why did she let her mind wander when she saw Anderson? The chances are the old boy had plenty of "IT," made famous by Elinor Glynn, and he appealed to her. Movie actresses have a habit of angling for male helpmeets with great regularity. If things keep on, those who keep married for six months in Hollywood will have to be decorated with the leather medal, signifying valorous and meritorius conduct. Come to think of it, what the thunder is a masseur, anyhow? Oh, yessir, we remember now; he's the fellow who presides as mass.—Denton Herald.

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Denton Writer Caught with Four-Card Flush.

Some weeks ago Colonel Dick Collins of the Wise County Messenger called this Loafer down because he said something about a dude ranch. Loafer ran out the bluffing thrust for copying and then lost it. Anyhow, Kernel Kollins kicked about the ranch and wanted to know what it meant anyhow. That feller Kollins always was a Komical sort of Kuss and laid a trap for Loafer when he asked that question. Loafer has no idea what a dude ranch is but would have gotten by with it if that feller Kernel Kollins had stayed on his side of the fence. Just come butting in and spoiled Loafer's good bluff. Loafer to his knowledge never saw a "dude ranch" but he did see the Kernel with a dude shirt on at Amarillo.—Loafer in Denton Record-Chronicle.

Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, July 19, 1907.

John A. Simmons was in Fort Worth Sunday.

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Buck Collins of Cleburne, was here visiting Sunday.

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Orville and Joe Cates are at Vineyard for a few days.

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Miss Stella Standley is assisting in the post office this week.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Furman Greathouse Sunday.

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Barnie Shoemaker is taking his vacation from the Mississippi Store this week.

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Miss Minnie Taylor of Cleburne, will be the guest of Miss Frances Collins next week.

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Misses Mabel Woody and Tommye Spear are spending the week at the Twixbridge.

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Mrs. Henry Greathouse and Miss Call will spend a month in Colorado, leaving here next week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lively of Whitewright, and Tal Lively of Dalhart, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Lively.

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Captain Brady and his command leave today for Camp Mabry to take part in the seven day military encampment. Captain Brady has a nexcellent company.

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On Wednesday, Mrs. J. T. Potts of Flatwoods, left on our table two immense specimens of onions, which show what Wise county will produce in that line.

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Claud Halsell arrived in the city this week from Bovina to attend the big reunion next week. "Cheesy" looks fat and sleek, and is loud in his praise of the great Panhandle country.

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Marshal Wes Helm succeeded in breaking up that loafing habit of some of our street bums. They have been told to get to work, or the city would give them employment on the streets.

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Decatur lodge of A. F. & A. M. recently installed officers as follows: Bob Clark, worshipful master; Jack Moss, senior warden; Guinn Williams, junior warden; W. L. Rush, treasurer; John Logan, secretary; J. A. Wasson, tiler.

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The local I. O. O. F. lodge held their installation of officers on Wednesday night of last week. The officers are: Buck Riley, noble grand; Rufus Lindley, vice grand; M. L. Rogers, treasurer; M. D. Sellars, secretary; J. A. Wasson, warden.

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Eddie Mecaskey, son of Jim Mecaskey, on Monday met with the misfortune of having a shoulder dislocated by his horse falling with him, while riding at the old George McSpadden place, east of town. His injury was quite painful, but he is recovering.

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Dress up in your holiday spirit next week and give the visitors an old Decatur welcome. There will be no less than five thousand strangers in our gates by Wednesday noon, and you are expected to do your duty toward making these peoples' visit pleasant. Don't wait to be asked by some selected committee to assist in entertaining; it is a Wise county affair, as much your reunion as it is the various communities'; and as a loyal citizen do your duty.

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And, speaking about Earle Mayfield, junior senator of Texas in the national congress, Senator Bailey said: "Mayfield knocked too loud, and he knows nothing about democracy; the kind I am speaking to you about today."

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The floggers who flogged a business man in Fort Worth, who happened to be a Jew, are still at large. In the meantime, the delectible defenders of the law are rounding up Sambo and One-Eyed Pete in the river bottoms and bringing them to court to face charges of engaging in the awful and heinous crime of shootin' craps.

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, July 16, 1887.

Miss Bettie Willis, sister-in-law to H. R. Tolbert, died on Tuesday of this week.

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A young man named O. P. Bacon, living near Anneville, was kicked by a horse on July 5th and died from its effects on July 8th.

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C. J. Van Meter's house was blown off the foundation and the roof was torn off the old Edwards house last Friday.—Aurora News.

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Dr. Barnett and Dr. Rogers, for, and Tom McMurray, against, discussed the prohibition question at a big picnic at Pella last Saturday. In the meantime Judge Pickett stood for the amendment against Judges Carroll and Patterson at Bridgeport, and Tully Fuller dealt the antis some death dealing blows in the evening at Bridgeport.

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N. P. Lewis, a late merchant of this city, who was compelled to relinquish his business here on account of becoming demented in mind, was some months ago taken to his father's place, near Franklyn, Kentucky, where he grew worse, and as stated in the Louisville Courier-Journal of July 4th, he shot a man by the name of Roach, about four miles from his father's house, then rode rapidly to his father's and, getting into the house, gave fight to the sheriff and his posse, finally winding up by killing himself.

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Times Do Change.

Marshal Wes Helm is succeeding in breaking up that loafing habit of some of our street bums. They have been told to get to work, or the city would give them employment on the streets of the city of Decatur.—Messenger, July 19th, 1907.

Should Wes return to the old stamping grounds, he would discover a decided change. Loafing then was a crime in Decatur; now it is a recognized "art" among a goodly number of the promising youths of the town. The present "crop" has no fear of the law, there being "no such animal" on the list of city officials.

What Manner of Press Association Is This?

President J. L. Martin of the West Texas Press Association, in sending invitations to the meet, says: "This association will have no dues, no leg pulling, no graft." What on earth can the gentleman mean? We pass the matter on to Dick Collins for a reply.—Denton Herald.

We hand the "buck" to Frederick Haskett of the Childress Index, but would suggest a thoro investigation of the W. T. P. A. and an analytical examination of the organization's president. Verily, that press association has "left home"—severing all parental ties.

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There are now about 158,000 Jews in Palestine.

"So you are using balloon tires on your car now?"

"Yes; they are much easier on the pedestrians."

■

"I can't find a single pin. Where do they all go to, anyway?"

"It's difficult to tell, because they are pointed in one direction and they are headed in another."

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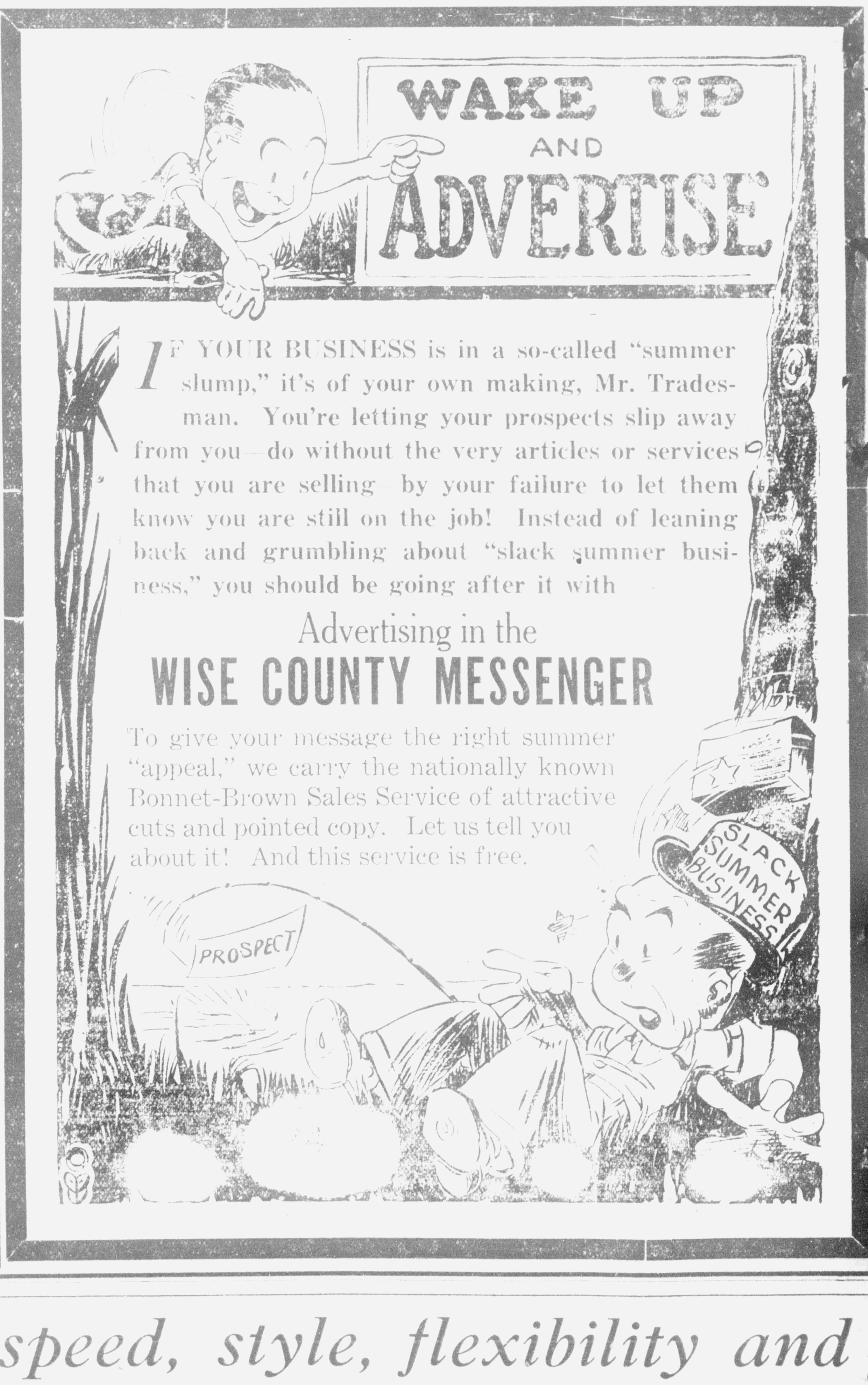

IF YOUR BUSINESS is in a so-called "summer slump," it's of your own making, Mr. Tradesman. You're letting your prospects slip away from you—do without the very articles or services that you are selling—by your failure to let them know you are still on the job! Instead of leaning back and grumbling about "slack summer business," you should be going after it with

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REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:55 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

John Sparks of Rhome, was in this city Saturday.

Charles Sparks of Rhome, was in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holt left first of the week for Colorado.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, is spending his vacation in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Renshaw of Hillsboro, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Oma Cartwright has returned from Dallas, where she visited her sister.

Mrs. D. S. Martin of Clovis, New Mexico, is visiting friends in Decatur this week.

E. H. Young and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Will Trussell at Boyd last Friday.

Pinkney Simpson of [illegible] is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Haskell of Dallas were guests of R. C. Coleman and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hicks of Wichita Falls, were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Wright of Boyd is visiting in the home of her son, T. H. Wright, in this city.

Miss Lucille Pickett returned last week from North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton.

Mrs. J. T. Waggoner of Wichita Falls, spent the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Mirriage license was issued by the county clerk's office this week to C. E. Bridges and Miss Lula McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Terrell are spending their vacation at Merage where they went on a fishing trip.

Mrs. J. E. Shoemaker and daughters, Misses Alfreda and Margaret, are visiting relatives in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hagood and children of Hale Center, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Faith in Decatur.

O. F. F. Club will meet this Friday evening at seven o'clock in the home of Miss Alma Wilkerson on West Walnut street.

Mrs. W. M. Trussell died Friday at her home in Boyd. Interment was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery Saturday afternoon.

J. B. St. Clair and wife returned last week from North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton, where he has been in school. He received his A. B. degree. Bonnie is principal of the high school at Olney.

G. G. G. Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Venita Nell Clark. Following a number of interesting diversions, Miss Joy Bell was presented with the prize. Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Maurine Van Meter, Grace Bell, Lucy Tucker, Betty Lou Gentry, Joy Bell, Daisy Manire, Lois Breedlove, Mary McCracken and the hostess.

Miss Mabel Jones spent the day in Mineral Wells Monday.

C. P. Dodson was in Denton first of the week on business.

B. F. Fox and family were Dallas visitors first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lacey and children visited in Grand Prairie Sunday.

Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas were visiting relatives in Decatur last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Marshall of Austin, atended the Chico picnic last Saturday.

J. W. Roper, son C. P. Roper and family are visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jones.

Sheriff George Gage will return the latter part of the week from California, where he went after a man wanted here.

Audrey Mason, who has been visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jones, has returned to his home in Wichita Falls.

Misses Kemp and Elizabeth Lindley and brother, Johnny, of Dallas, are spending several days in the home of their aunt, Mrs. R. R. Lacey.

Watch for our special sale soon on Congoleum rugs. You can not afford to let your floors be bare at the price. C. L. Christian, Home Furnishings.

R. N. Robertson and family left this week for Gorman to make their home where Mr. Robertson has accepted a position as book-keeper with Hale & Kerr, Chevrolet dealers in that place.

Dick Rieger of Sanger, was in the city several days this week, making arrangements to return to the old home town. Numerous good friends of this splendid family in Decatur and community will be glad to welcome them back.

All farmers interested in securing a federal farm loan at five per cent interest for thirty-six years, should make application now in order to be prepared to meet loans when due. Call at City National Bank, Decatur, and talk with W. P. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer.

Don't fail to buy a tag from one of the pretty girls who will be offering them for sale tomorrow and first Monday. The fund created from the sale of these tags will go to rebuild quarters for the old confederates at the Joe Wheeler Park. Contribute to this worthy cause.

Thirty different diseases are transmitted by flies. They deposit germs in three ways: by contact, vomit spots and excreta. Flies are the filthiest insects known. They taint everything they touch. Fly-Tox kills flies. It is safe, stainless, fragrant, sure. Simple instructions on each bottle (blue label) for killing all household insects. Insist on Fly-Tox. Fly-Tox is the scientific insecticide developed at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by Rex Fellowship. Fly-Tox brings comfort, health and cleanliness.

Lee Morris was here from Chico Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Ferguson has been visiting in Alvord.

Ira Bentley of Greenwood, was in this city Saturday.

Miss Margaret Bell spent the week end with friends in Bowie.

Mrs. Faith of Vernon, is visiting in the home of her son, Judge Carl Faith.

Harold Christian of Antelope, spent the week-end visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCurdy and children visited friend in Grapevine Sunday.

Miss Margaret Knight of Wichita Falls, is visiting friends this week in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Dallas are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. George of Fort Worth, were guests of C. K. Wilkerson and family Sunday.

Bill George Jr. of Fort Worth, is visiting in the home of C. K. Wilkerson here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers of Vernon are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O. Rogers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pound at Mount Zion.

Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler.

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O. F. F. Club met Friday evening at the home of Miss Sue Ella Van Meter. After a short business session, hostess served a lovely salad course to Misses Estelle Boles, Anna Lee Cook, Dorothy Patterson, Minnie Pearl Arnett, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Lobelle Hunt and Margaret Boyd.

Miss Cathryn Ruth Helm delightfully entertained a group of friends with a forty-two party at her home on South Trinity street on Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served to Misses Dorothy Patterson, Susie Hambright of Roanoke, and Margaret Knight of Wichita Falls; Messrs. Bill Bennett, Fred Calhoun, T. J. Dillehay and Clarence Ford.

An event furnishing much pleasure was the swimming party given by Mrs. B. A. Man Friday at Blythe's Bathing Beach for the members of her Baptist Sunday school class. Those present were Misses Louise Greer, Virginia Patterson, Maxine Christian, Stella Bess Stokes, Bess McMordie, Eunice Ross, Valera Brown, Irene Wilkerson, Grace Bell, Joy Bell and Kitty Bell Christian; Messrs. Jim Tom Petty, Chase Elder, Charlie Belew and Tom Patterson.

M. H. Talbott of Cotulla, spent the week-end visiting friends here.

Bryan Truett and J. W. Dye of Greenwood, were in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Slagle and children are visiting in Denison and Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Wilhite of Fort Worth, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Jessie Lee Ramsey has returned from Sulphur, Oklahoma, where she visited relatives.

Edgar and Sue Hambright of Roanoke, were week-end guests of Miss Cathryn Ruth Helm here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pennington and children of Pennington Gap, Virginia, are visiting relatives here.

S. A. Lillard and daughter, Miss Mary, and Miss Ola Mae Wright have gone to Kinney county on a visit.

Mrs. W. C. Milligan returned on Tuesday from Baylor Hospital, Dallas, where she underwent an operation.

Miss Price of Lewisville, is filling the place of Miss Vera Jenkins as prescription clerk at Ingram's Drug store during her vacation.

Card of Thanks.

In the midst of our sorrow in the sudden calling away to her heavenly home of Mrs. W. M. Trussell, wife, mother, sister and kinswoman, our hearts are kindled with great love and gratification toward the throngs of friends who came from far and near bringing acts of kindness, words of consolation, tears of sympathy and beautiful flowers of tribute. These never-to-be-forgotten kindnesses soften the burden that is ours and make easier our submission to the will of the Christ of Calvary, who doeth all things well. W. M. Trussell, Daughter and Relatives.

"Of course, young man," said the girl's father, "you know my daughter has always had a good home."

"Yes, sir," beamed the suitor, "I believe that it will prove entirely satisfactory."

Mrs. Burch Hostess to Bridge Club on Friday

Mrs. M. W. Burch entertained the Bridge Club with a prettily appointed party Thursday afternoon, at her home on East Main street.

High score prize for the members went to Mrs. H. M. Helm and Miss Ada Harding won the guest prize. A lovely salad course was served.

The members present were Mmes. W. C. Shults, H. M. Helm, B. A. Man, B. F. Grubbs, E. V. McMordie, J. M. Crisp, F. A. Davenport, C. P. Dodson, N. P. Taylor, W. W. Boyd; the guests were Mmes. H. M. Buttrill, Jack Cates, H. Horn; Misses Johnnie Blankenship, Ada Harding, Mary F. Bennett, Gabie Sue Carpenter, Kathryn, and Jacobina Burch.

The critter that sprouted the first appendix probably never knew what a legacy he left the surgical profession.

Visitor from Abilene Is Bridge Party Honoree

Three tables were attractively arranged for bridge Friday afternoon, when Mrs. W. C. Shults entertained in honor of Mrs. H. Horn of Abilene.

The guest list included Mesdames J. M. Crisp, B. A. Man, B. F. Grubbs, H. M. Helm, J. D. Shinpaugh, C. P. Dodson, T. G. Rogers, F. A. Davenport; Misses Ada Harding, and Gabie Sue Carpenter.

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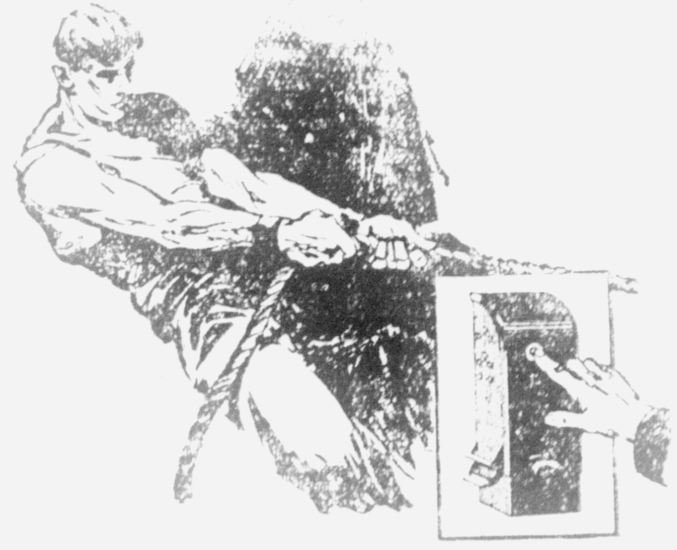

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The cut in prices will be one of the biggest money-saving events of the season. Below we quote just a few prices to show the way in which the slashing has been done. Everything marked down.

Coffee	Good Peaberry --- per lb.	28c
Tomatoes	No. 2---9c No. 1---	6c
Matches	6 large boxes---only	19c
Calumet	Baking Powder---1 lb.	23c
Washing Powder	6 boxes GOLD DUST and BORAX ---	22c
Stick Candy	Good and fine---lb.	13c

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INTEREST IN HIGHWAY PROJECT REVIVED HERE

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cial industries of Montague county if the road were built. They are doing all they can to further the movement.

Jack Truett, leading farmer of south Montague and well known in Wise county, voiced surprise when he pointed out that travelers in his section, thru which the road would pass, absolutely [illegible] lost now in their efforts to go [illegible] that country. There are positively no roads worth while, he said. Mr. Truett advocated the new highway. His fine section is suffering for the want of it.

Albert Mauldin, Bill Shults, Robert and Knowly Howard and G. C. Sloan expressed their belief that the Greenwood section would be immensely benefited by the road and that they were ready to cooperate.

Several Decatur citizens asserted their willingness to do whatever is in their power to secure final construction of the road, among them being Chairman W. A. Helm of the highway committee, Dr. J. L. Ward, Commissioner Henry Walker and others.

Ed McRae of the highway committee of the Fort Worth chamber of commerce, who was present, presented the difficulties that stood in the way of securing designation as a state highway by the highway commission. Mr McRae praised the effort, thought it eminently worth while and that its final consummation would bring a material blessing to a needy people. He merely stressed the fact that concerned communities must do a great deal of preliminary work for themselves and for the road before the interest of the state highway commission could be directed on it. Chief among these, he advised, is to make it as good a road as it is possible to do under present circumstances, in order to encourage travel over the route and get it established as a route of convenience and service. This the new bridge will encourage and this the highway commission will demand as a requisite of the state spending money upon it.

Commissioner Walker concurred in this view and said that it would be his policy to help insofar as he can without [illegible] work to other county roads. He thought it might be possible to secure the services of the county engineer in establishing the permanent line as a preliminary to securing the right of way, which would be the next step in the proceedings.

This Friday afternoon at four o'clock at Greenwood a meeting will be held at the call of the leaders of the community to create the organization necessary to work in the interest of the highway. Decatur folk have been invited to attend and will possibly go over in numbers. Mr. Legate of the Wilson organization will be present.

A minister noted for his absentmindedness met a friend in the street and stopped to talk with him. When about to separate, the minister's face suddenly assumed a puzzled look.

"Tom," he said, "when we met, was I going up or down the street?"

"Down," replied Tom.

The minister's face cleared. "Ah, all right then. I have already been home to lunch."

"How's [illegible] getting along [illegible] Sam?"

"Well, [illegible] de nonsense [illegible] me some."

Baptist W. M. S. Meets in Circles Last Monday

Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the respective circles at the following places:

Circle one held an interesting meeting in the boys' dormitory at Decatur College, with Mrs. J. M. Jones as hostess. Those present were Mmes. E. Walker, J. D. Shinpaugh, Holley Renshaw, H. L. Jones, J. B. Green, W. E. Horton and the hostess.

Circle two met at the church with six members present. Following the business session, the Bible teacher taught a very instructive Bible lesson. Those present were Mmes. Stevens, Gus Elrod, J. E. Boyd, C. L. Christian, T. S. Williams and E. W. Thrasher.

Circle three met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Bell. Following an inspiring Bible lesson from Acts XVI refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Mmes. J. W. Patterson, R. C. Heathington, R. L. Blankenship, A. D. Reeves, J. V. Patterson, E. W. Thrasher, R. L. Hunt, the host and hostess.

Circle four held one of the most interesting meetings of the year at the home of Mrs. Sam Hill on South Lang street. Mrs. George Foster led an inspiring devotional from the fifth chapter of James. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Hill conducted a splendid Bible lesson from the fourteenth chapter of St. John. Those present were Mmes. J. W. Bailey, S. J. Madden, A. J. Shelton, John Lambert, G. W. Foster, T. H. Dunn, Eulace Blackburn and Miss Sallie Ferguson.

Circle five met at the home of Mrs. Curren New with twelve members and one visitor present. Mrs. Joe Rogers led the devotional, followed by a short business session, and Mrs. F. M. Razor taught the Bible lesson, "The Syro Phoenician Mother, Woman of Faith," and "The Adultress." Dainty refreshments were served to Mmes. Floyd Clifton, Joe Rogers, C. K. Wilkerson, Charles Stokes, Henry Askey, Homer Williamson, S. M. Ward, C. A. Maples, F. M. Rayzor and G. S. Blewett; and Miss Wynelle New.

LONE MOUND NEWS

J. L. McGovern left Saturday for Dallas to visit relatives.

Mrs. Lois Stafford and children are visiting relatives at Park Springs this week.

Elmer Vaughn returned home Saturday from Ellis county where he has been working.

Mrs. Shoat of Fort Worth spent Sunday with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Claborn.

Miss Dortha Boring of Fort Worth is visiting her cousin, Miss Laura Davis, this week.

Hopewell B. Y. P. U. went over to [illegible] Sunday and rendered a program at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elsom of Bridgeport spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Clarence Farrington returned Saturday to Amarillo, after spending a few days with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cearley of the [illegible] community, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. [illegible].

Mrs. L. M. Bishop and little granddaughter, Louise Haley, of Decatur, spent the week-end with friends in the community.

Mrs. A. J. Gilbert and little son returned home Friday from Munday, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Claborn.

EX-SENATOR BAILEY IS CHICO PICNIC SPEAKER

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fortune could befall a free republic than to have its great offices sought for the sake of salary attached to them."

He predicted that not ten per cent of the people of the state would vote for the amendment to allow the legislature to fix all salaries outside of those of a few of the chief officials of the state.

The judiciary amendment he termed "utterly indefensible." Bailey's objections were based on the grounds that the need is for better and not for more judges; that the amendment would allow the governor to appoint two-thirds of the supreme court and that the amendment could allow the creation of a class of itinerant justices.

"Too much money is being wasted, too much time is being thrown to the four winds. In the year of 1926 there were five millions of dollars spent for gasoline, oil and the up-keep of automobiles in Texas. The cotton crop that year brought three million, five hundred thousand dollars. And more money was spent on pleasure rides than was produced on the farms," the senator said.

He paid his respects to the old time democrats in Wise county when recalling the time he first came before the people as a candidate for congress. He said he owed much to the old timers in the Chico community, who rallied to his banner when he opposed Silas Hare in his first contest. "You people in the Chico country stood by me, and I shall always remember you with a heart full of gratitude and love," he said.

Senator Bailey, while showing that he is not as young and vigorous as in the days when he was the handsome idol of the old fifth district, he is a long, long ways from being a decrepit old man. His voice has the ring of the olden days, and his oratory continues to tigle the blood of his hearers. He looks older, and his body is not as robust as in the days when he was our representative in congress—but he still possesses that commanding appearance; that personality that has characterized him since he first came among these people. His locks are a little grayer, and his step is a little slower, but he is Joe Bailey, the thundering apostle of old time democracy, the true friend and the foe of false doctrines.

Returning from the Chico picnic to his home in Dallas, Senator Bailey stopped a short time in Decatur, where he was met by a number of his old time friends.

Rural Magistrate—"I'll have to fine ye a dollar, Jeff."

Jeff—"I'll have to borrow it off ye, jedge."

Magistrate—"Great snakes! It was only to get the dollar that I was finin' ye. Get out! Ye ain't guilty, anyway."

Dull

Headache

and

Sluggish Feeling

"We are a healthy family and haven't had to use much medicine," says Mr. J. H. Adams, of Bishop, Ga. "But I have found it necessary to take some medicine.

"I had headaches. My head felt dull, and like I couldn't hold it up.

"I had a bad taste in my mouth; felt sluggish and tired.

"I brought home some Black-Draught and took a few doses, and I got good results. I felt so much better. My head cleared up. I was hungry and wanted to get out and work.

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Decatur merchants have bought and paid for this space to advertise the fact aggressively that we are behind Decatur College in all its aspirations and aims.

We believe in Decatur College. It is one of the oldest and most distinctive for the character of educational work done in our section. It's standard of efficiency is beyond question. The caliber of men and women turned forth from the institution is of irreproachable quality. With the the imprint of Decatur College upon them, such men and women have registered high in the advancement of morals, civilization, learning and good citizenship.

We conceive that it is an obligation resting on us, the community host of the school, to exert ourselves to cause the worthy institution to succeed.

We want the new term, beginning next September 21st, to open auspiciously, to matriculate a swarm of new students, the raw material of bright Texas boys and girls, to subject their careers to the mould and impress the mind and character building power of this man and woman making plant.

We recognize that we have but about thirty days at our command in which to fulfill this plain obligation of citizenship, only a limited opportunity to respond to the call of service. Within the next approximate thirty days boys and girls are going to decide where they will attend college this fall. Within the next thirty days it is possible for the citizenship of Decatur and community to be the deciding factor in many of these cases.

WITHIN THE BRIEF TIME ALLOTED LET US SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT OUR OWN DECATUR COLLEGE

Let us appreciate that the college administration is helpless to discharge the full quantum of work demanded in the emergency. It is up to the citizenship host to help.

Within the next thirty days Decatur Community should prosecute a searching campaign, by word of mouth recommending and praising the institution to prospective students, by letters, by messages, advertisements, catalogues, by every and any means that may be used in the proclamation of fact.

REMEMBER THE DANGER OF PAUSING TO "LET GEORGE DO THE WORK." The chances are that George won't do it. YOU DO IT—and you know it will be done. That is the way to be safe, the on esecure way in this time and need for immediate, effective action.

It Is To Be Urged That We All Individually Keep On the Firing Line for D.B.C. for the Next 30 Day

S. T. Lillard Attended Purina Sales School During the Past Week in Fort Worth Hotel

S. T. Lillard of the Lillard Milling Company of this city, has just returned from Fort Worth, where he attended the Purina Mills sales school held last week at the Texas Hotel. "In this class," says Mr. Lillard, "every phase of live stock feeding was studied with a view of enabling salesmen and local feed dealers to render a higher type of service to feeders of live stock.

"I was very much impressed," says Mr. Lillard, "by the figures presented showing the value of the live stock and dairy products sold annually in our own county. According to the figures compiled by the United States department of agriculture, Wise county farmers sell every year about $650,228 worth of dairy and poultry products. Figures showing the value of hogs and steers are equally impressive.

"Big as these figures are, it is still possible," says Mr. Lillard, "to increase the value of these products sold in Wise county by one-fourth to one third by the introduction of proper feeding methods among the farmers generally. This extra production will create extra wealth which would be used in part to buy building material to make improvements, to buy automobiles, more clothing, furniture, etc. In other words, better feeding will tend to increase proportionately the business done by every firm in the county.

"The interesting thing," adds Mr. Lillard, "is that it takes only a comparatively small increase in production to double the feeder's net profit. According to surveys made by Hoard's Dairyman, one of the leading dairy publications, an increase of only ten per cent in the amount of milk produced will frequently result in doubled profits.

"Take for example the case of a cow producing twenty pounds of milk a day, eighteen pounds of which is required to pay for the labor, feed cost and miscellaneous expense. This leaves two pounds net profit. The same cow can be made to produce twenty-two pounds of milk a day, or two extra pounds (ten per cent more), or four pounds profit instead of two, or double the net profit. On that basis just one extra inch of milk in the pail is worth from sixteen to forty dollars more on the ton of feed. The same thing holds true with other live stock and poultry. It is vitally important that the feeder get those few extra eggs, that extra milk or the fraction of a pound extra daily gain in producing pork or beef.

"At the start of the course," says Mr. Lillard, "the importance of agriculture in the economic life of America was emphasized. It was shown that the annual output of all farm products greatly exceeds the annual production of iron ore, oil, farm machinery, automobiles, coal and the earnings of the railroads combined. It was pointed out that in view of the magnitude of the farm industry, greater efficiency in farm operation and a better knowledge of operating costs is desirable.

"To give a foundation for better feeding methods, the principles of animal nutrition were carefully studied in the school. In this session were developed the fundamental reasons for balanced rations—to supply elements required by the animal for a variety of purposes: maintaining the body, replacing worn out tissues, building bone, supplying heat and energy, and making milk or eggs. Weeding out poor stock, breeding for vigor and feeding for results is the combination that spells profits for the farmer.

"That production can be increased was shown by a comparison of milk production in the United States, 3527 pounds a year average, with that of the Netherlands, 7585 pounds a year. This additional production results entirely from right breeding and feeding a properly balanced ration which enables the cow both to maintain her body and make milk. 'On lowering the cost of production,' says Professor Eckles, the noted authority from the Minnesota College of Agriculture, 'the feeding comes first.'

"Another point frequently overlooked by dairymen is the necessity of feeding a dairy cow a concentrated ration that contains the proper amount and quality of protein. It is true that a cow will produce almost as much milk for the first few weeks without a high protein concentrate. But she does so at the expense of her body and that means a sure cut in the milk supply later on.

"The cow, with her mother instinct to produce milk to nourish her offspring, produces a good volume for a few weeks, drawing on her body for the nutrients her improperly balanced feed lacks. But then nature calls a halt. The cow, run down physically, must start to rebuild her body, and the milk flow gradually decreases. Once a cow falls off in her milk, it is almost impossible to bring her back before she freshens again.

"So too in the matter of eggs. The average United States hen lays only seventy-two eggs a year; the average Purina fed hen lays one hundred and forty-eight eggs a year. This tremendous increase is brought about because a balanced ration supplies materials for making approximately an equal number of yolks and whites, while a grain ration develops more yolks than whites. As no hen can lay half an egg, the extra yolks are absorbed into the body and egg production is cut.

"All who attended the school were thoroly drilled in the most up-to-date methods of culling poultry or weeding out non-producing 'boarder' hens. The results of culling by the system taught have been carefully checked time and again by experiment stations and on practical poultry farms in all sections. Birds have been culled out as non-producers and shut off to themselves for twenty to thirty days. In spite of generous feeding they did not produce an egg, proving conclusively that the system is reliable.

"Proper feeding of brood sows is especially important right now if the hog raiser is to make any money. The feeder's profit depends very largely upon the size of the litter. Today the average farmer loses before weaning time forty per cent of the pigs farrowed. This represents a tremendous loss to every community. According to the experience of hog feeders everywhere, properly balanced feed produces an average of two additional pigs per litter at weaning time, and produces cheaper pigs at weaning time and cheaper pork after weaning. Such a balanced ration also means quicker growth and makes it possible for the farmers to get their hogs to market around September or October, when prices are usually higher than at any other time.

"Facts were also presented showing that contrary to common belief there are more horses in drayage service today than five years ago, and that the horse is proving to be economical for farm work and short hauls in the cities than tractors or motor trucks. Experiments and research tests of the Purina Mills have proved beyond question that by feeding a properly balanced ration of [illegible] ingredients horses and mules can be kept in better condition and can do more work on less feed than with the ordinary feeding methods. Average life of a work horse, five years, can be doubled by proper feeding.

"Considerable attention was also given to the subjects of advertising and merchandising. Figures of manufacturers in many lines were presented showing that advertising actually lowers the cost of a product for the consumer by increasing production. It was also shown that national advertising is a guarantee of the quality of a commodity, for no company can continuously advertise an inferior product. Repeat orders will not come in and the campaign falls of its own weight.

"Emphasis was placed upon the importance of a feed dealer getting out into the feed lots with the feeders in order to help them cut their cost of produtcion. 'No product is sold when it is delivered to the customer,' said the merchandising instructor. 'It is not sold until the customer is satisfied.' It was upon this basis that the Purina Mills was founded in 1895 and steadily thru the thirty-two years of their business existence they have adhered to that ideal."

Purina Mills was founded in 1895 by William H. Danforth, now president of the organization. In those days it was little more than a feed store. Mr. Danforth had the vision of supplying feeders a properly balanced ration containing all the ingredients needed to give results. He personally went up and down the Mississippi River selling feed to the farmer. Then he would return to the feed store and help mix that feed on the floor by the shovel method.

It was no easy task for the Purina Mills to grow as it has. Numerous obstacles and objections had to be overcome. The entire mill was wiped out by the St. Louis cyclone in 1896, but, with faith undaunted, the founders rebuilt. It's a far cry from the little feed store in 1895 when feeds were mixed by hand to the tremendous Purina organiaztion today, consisting of seven large mills—St. Louis, East St. Louis, Nashville, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Fort Worth and Kansas City.

The course also showed clearly why a commercial feed made to produce definite, profitable results for the farmer has certain advantages over even the best home mixed ration. The farmer can not be certain of always getting ingredients of uniform quality, and many desirable ingredients he can not get at all. Moreover, the individual feeder has not the facilities for cleaning the grains of all dirt and chaff, or of thoro mechanical mixing, or of conducting the extensive laboratory tests to determine the value of this ration. Samples of every car of grain received are tested in the chemical laboratory, as are also samples of every lot of mixed feed. In the biological laboratory experiments in the nutrition, vitamins, and kindred lines are being conducted to improve commercial rations still further.

Purina schools are held frequently in various parts of the country. Department heads and executives from the Purina Mills are the instructors. Sessions are held daily from eight-fifteen to [illegible] except Saturday and Sunday.

Grey hounds are thought to be the oldest breed of dogs now existing in the world.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR STATE ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

Sealed proposals addressed to the State Highway Engineer of Texas, for the improvement of certain highways in Jack and Wise Counties, will be received at the office of the State Highway Engineer at Austin, Texas, until ten o'clock a. m. August 15th, 1927, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work to Be Done.

Work consists of construction of concrete bridge over Deep Creek on State Highway No. 39, in Jack and Wise Counties.

Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of D. M. Puckett, Division Engineer, at the court house, Wichita Falls, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

A certified or cashier's check for $800.00, made payable without recourse to the State Highway Commission of Texas, must accompany each proposal.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "Bids for the construction of S. A. P. No. 685, in Jack and Wise Counties." Proposals submitted by mail shall be marked as above and enclosed in another addressed to R. A. Thompson, State Highway Engineer, Austin, Texas. (Jy29 Aug5)

Miss Bess Coleman in Recital here Thursday

The musical recital of Miss Bess Coleman, held in the auditorium of the First Methodist church Friday night, was well attended and the numbers by Miss Coleman were liberally applauded. Miss Bess is one of the most efficient pianists in all this section, thoroly understanding the art, and her numerous friends were delighted with her brilliant performance. Miss Bess has just finished a post graduate course under one of the state's noted musicians, Samuel L. Ball of Fort Worth.

Miss Coleman was assisted in the recital by Bert Milligan, vocalist, of Fort Worth.

Reunion Clean-Up Day Set for Friday, Aug. 5

Next Friday, August 5th, has been declared by the committee as clean-up day of the camp grounds in Joe Wheeler Park. Turn out with hoes, rakes and brooms and put your precinct in order for the three big days of social commingling and jollification this year.

A new area of camping ground has been marked off and will be let by lots to those desiring camping space. Some of the space has already been leased to the numerous applicants and you had better inquire early. Apply to J. J. Rieger or John Gentry.

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Beginning July 1st, we will go back to our old custom and open up

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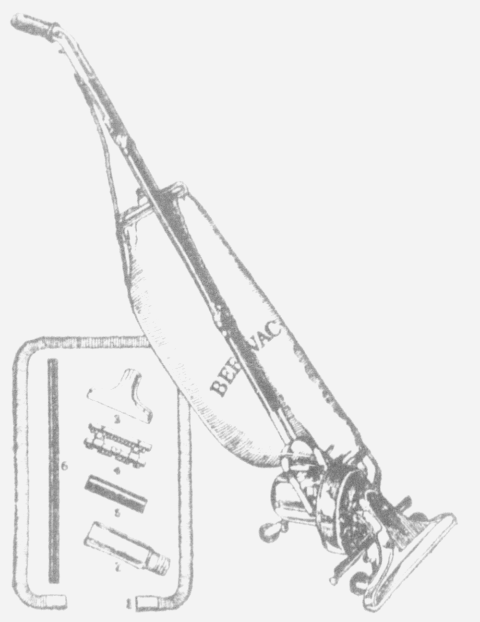

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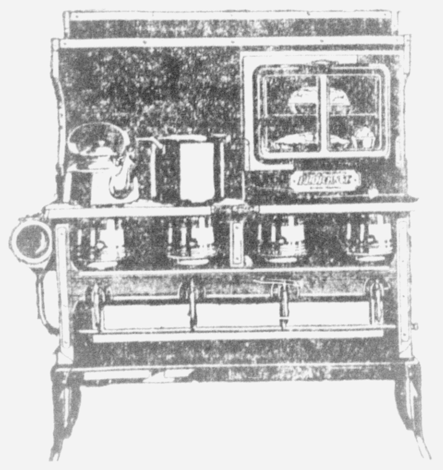
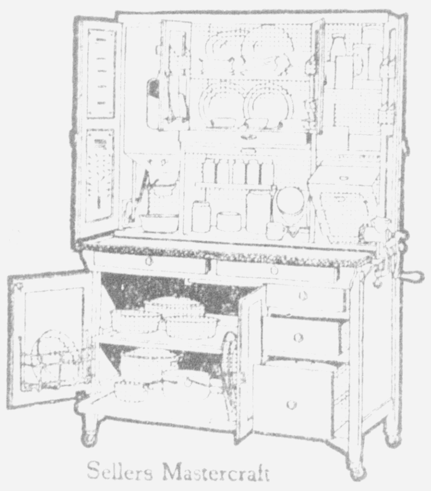
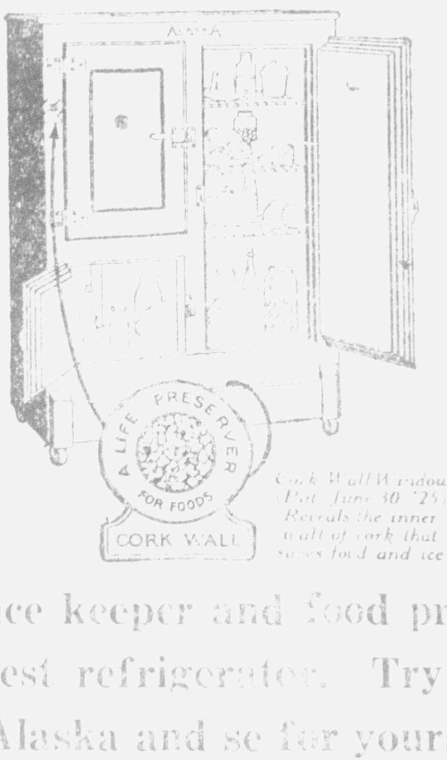


The Florence Automatic Oil Stove is the simplest, safest, and cheapest oil stove you can operate, and is finished in the new gray porcelin with oven thermometer.



The Sellers Cabinet is made of Northern white oak, lock joined construction, and hand rubbed finish. The pride of your home. Priced from $37.50 to $87.50.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CORK WALL
Cork-Wall Window (Pat. June 30 '25) Reveals the inner wall of cork that saves food and ice

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Horse Racing to Stage Fair State Come-Back

"There is no doubt about the fact that the horse is staging a come-back," says Otto Herold, superintendent of the horse department of the State Fair of Texas, to be held in Dallas next October.

"This year, from all sides, the new directors were besieged with petitions to revive horse racing at the fair on a big scale. It seemed that everyone wanted horse races and many said it did not seem like a fair without them.

"So we determined to meet this public demand and we have done our very best to meet it properly. We are building a real fast three quarter mile track. We will have races every day but Sunday. There will be five races each day. We will have an extra good horse show, with stables of champions from many states. We will stage several polo games with big city teams. We will have the pleasure of showing to the horse lovers of Texas that wonder stallion, Mr. McElwin, who holds all speed records at two, three and four years old. This horse is owned in Texas, by W. H. L. McCourtie, who has consented to exhibit him in harness in front of the grand stand daily. He now holds the world's record for the mile in 1:59:25.

"For added entertainment we will have whippet races, new to Texas. These little grey hounds put up a lightning race and are good fun.

"Then we will have in front of the grand stand one of the best hippodrome shows ever offered in this state with plenty of good comedy, many thrills and a fine band, with good singers.

"There will also be day and night fire works, rounding out a program that should please everyone and more than satisfy the most carping critic.

"And now for the big feature: We shall build no high board fence around our new race track to shut off the view. If you come to the fair and want to see the races, you will not be obliged to patronize the grand stand. You may drive into the grounds, park your car close up to the railing around the track and enjoy the races from your own auto."

BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor R. E. Bell is planning to preach next Sunday night especially to young people and the young people of the town are invited to be present. Young ladies will serve as ushers and young men will pass for the offering. Both the special music and the congregational singing will be of that lively inspiring kind that appeals to youth.

The opening exercises of the Sunday school next Sunday will be featured by the singing of a group of intermediate girls, who will accompany themselves on their ukeleles. You will forget the hot weather in the charm and enthusiasm of these pretty girls.

New life in the B. Y. P. U. work is being taken by the young people and more of the young people of the community are invited to come and take part in the services. B. Y. P. U. meets in the three divisions each Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

Attendance at the morning preaching services is increasing and the services last Sunday were very helpful.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

DOUGLASVILLE

A host of relatives were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lisby Sunday.

Misses Nellie and Sarah Byrom visited with Miss Lanna Macon Byrom in Rhome Sunday.

Misses Edith and Maxine Ford and Ruth Norman were visitors of Miss Blanche Butler Saturday.

Wash Cagle of Mount Hope, Alabama, is visiting relatives in Wise county for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McBride visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert White, last week.

Douglasville's baseball team played the Aurora boys Saturday at Aurora, the score being 8 to 7 in favor of Douglasville.

Fragments of Cowboy Ballads in Messenger

Romance has ever woven itself around that modern Knight Errant, the cowboy of the western plains. No more gallant rider drew rein or wore the cross in a crusade. Quite fittingly he had his minstrel, who sang of his deeds and with rhythm lightened his task. Hence the cowboy ballad. His moods and his hopes found expression in these naive songs. Many of the verses were woven into a ballad as events moved the poet to expression. Practically all of the poets and composers are unknown to fame, but the galloping lilt of some of the trail songs seems to echo the beat of pony hoofs.

Fragments from some of these popular ballads will appear in the monthly magazine section of the Wise County Messenger on August 5th.

MOTHERS

Watch for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms cannot exist where this time-tried and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY—Decatur

Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF WISE COUNTY

Transfer Before August 1st.

All transfers must be applied for at this office before August 1st. This applies to all children within the scholastic ages seven to seventeen. All children above the scholastic ages and under twenty-one may attend school in their own district free, or may go to another school and expect their home district to pay their tuition. If their tuition is paid by their home district, then the home district may call upon the state for reimbursement. This applies only in case the home district does not teach their grade. No transfers of any kind may be made after August 1st. Saturday, July 30th, is the last day on which transfers may be made. Idea that the new tuition law made transfers unnecessary is erroneous. Transfer must be made as heretofore and before August 1st.

Forrest Lasater Wins Credits.

Forrest Lasater of Joe Bailey, took the college entrance examinations last May and this week received a report from the state department of education that he had made two units in English, two units in algebra, one-half unit in arithmetic and one-half unit in physiology. This is a fine showing for Forrest and should encourage other children from the rural districts to go and do likewise. These units are the same as affiliated credits and may be used in gaining admittance to any college in Texas. Until we have an affiliated school within reach of every child in Wise county, these college entrance examinations are the only means the rural boys and girls have of earning credits that entitle them to enter college without examination. It is hoped that other students who took these examinations will give this office the results of their efforts to win these coveted credits.

Roe School Raises School Tax.

On July 20th of last week the Roe school district voted an increase of its local tax rate from seventy five cents to one dollar. The vote stood twelve for the tax and four against. This increase in the tax rate ought to assure Roe of at least seven months of school. Elmer Williamson of Greenwood and Miss Bernice Meidens of Decatur have contracted to teach the school next term.

Pedagogical Paragraphs.

Keep the high school boys and girls of Wise county at home by putting an affiliated high school within reach of each one of them.

Moving to town to educate children is bad for the town; it is bad for the parents who move; it is bad for the children; but it is worst for the rural life of Wise county.

Let's not spend fewer dollars on our schools, but let's get greater educational value for each dollar that we do spend.

Equality of educational opportunity should be the goal of every person interested in the educational welfare of Wise county.

There can be no equality of educational opportunity when one child has a term of eighty five days and another child has a term of one hundred and seventy five days; when one child has to get his schooling from a taxable valuation of $1,000 and another child has a taxable valuation of $12,000 from which to get his education; when one child has ten minute recitations and another child has forty minute recitations; when one child has a mere amateur for a teacher and another child has an experienced expert for a teacher.

Teachers Exams August 12-13.

Teachers' examinations will be held the second Friday and Saturday in August, instead of the first.

Teachers Elected.

Mrs. Martha W. Sherman has signed a contract to teach the Ulman school again next year.

Miss Goldie Bishop of Krum, will teach at Rock Springs the session of 1927-28. Rock Springs is west of Chico.

Miss Alice Prestridge of Decatur, has filed in this office her contract with the trustees at Liles, northwest of Bridgeport.

Clarence Newsome of Tarrant county, has signed a contract to teach the Lake Valley school, north of Alvord.

State Aid for Home Economics.

Aid is again offered for courses in home economics under provisions of the new state aid law. Newark was the only school in Wise county that took advantage of this offer last year, but it is hoped that a number of schools will so avail themselves this coming year.

Opportunity to Save Money.

Trustees have an opportunity to put quite a sum of money back into the school fund by bringing to this office all of the old spellers. The title of these spellers is "The New World Speller." There is a first book and also a second book. The state has issued a call for both the books. All copies of these old spellers are wanted no matter what the condition. For every copy sent in the state gets three cents, which is the exchange price. Trustees are urged to bring the books in to this office at the earliest date.

Prayer of a Teacher.

Father, between Thy strong hands Thou hast bent
The clay but roughly into shape, and lent
To me the task of smoothing where I may
And fashioning to a gentler form Thy clay
To see some hidden beauty Thou hast planned,
Slowly revealed beneath my laboring hand;
Sometimes to help a twisted thing to grow
More straight: this is full recompense and so
I give Thee but the praise that Thou wouldst ask—
Firm hand and high heart for the further task. —Dorothy Littlewort in Literary Digest.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

Miss Cleo Horton visited Miss Ollie King Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Wagner is on the sick list this week.

Farmers in this community are busy laying their crops by.

Miss Pearl Brock of Decatur visited Miss Ida Woodaver Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Rosenberg was a guest of Mrs. Sam Johnson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gill and children went to St. Jo Sunday, visiting his cousin, Henry Gill.

"What's all the excitement about?" asked a stranger in a town that shall be nameless here.

"Funeral, mister," replied a native laconically.

"Who's dead?"

"Dunno, mister. Th' lynchin' party ain't got back yet."

"You say financial troubles brought you here?" asked the hospital visitor. "Why, that's hardly possible!"

"It's a fact, tho," retorted the poor patient. "I was crossing to the other side of the street to avoid one of my creditors and saw another creditor on the other side. While I was trying to escape, a car hit me."

A VALUED POSSESSION--

What is your most valued possession? Likely it is a photograph of some friend or loved one. Have you a picture of mother or dad? If not, insist on them coming in for a sitting today.

Perhaps they too would like a picture of you. If you do not have a late picture of yourself, take advantage of this special offer. Clip the coupon below and come in today for a sitting.

Remember this offer is not good after Monday, August 1, 1927.

THIS COUPON IS WORTH $1.50
if used before August 1, 1927
When applied on an order of
$5.00 or more.

THE BORUM STUDIO

Chico Farmers Should Swat Useless Roosters

Farmers around Chico are finding eleven cent eggs very unprofitable. This is unpleasant, but so long as we insist upon raising fertile eggs in the summer—eggs that will rot in twenty-four hours when subjected to heat—we will get very low prices.

An old rooster is about the most useless thing in the world. All he can do is eat and reduce prices. You say that you can not get what he is worth and for this reason you will not sell him. That is mighty poor business. You had better kill him or give him away than to keep him on the farm. If you can sell him for a dime you have made money—big money. If you pay ysome boy a dim to kill him you are still ahead.—Chico Review.

Story of Watermelons in Parker County Told

It was just twenty years from the time Parker county got in the limelight as a watermelon growing section until it reached the high water mark as a shipping point for this product, and during these years melon growing developed there on a commercial scale as it has in few other localities.

How this one industry was started by a few local farmers around Weatherford and carried on by them until it became national in its commercial scope will be told in the monthly magazine section of the Wise County Messenger to be issued August 5th.

Mrs. J. L. Fraser has returned from a visit with her mother in Bonham.

SORE GUMS NOW CURABLE.

You won't be ashamed to smile again after you use Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading druggists and can not fail to benefit you. Druggists return money if it fails. RENFRO'S DRUG STORE

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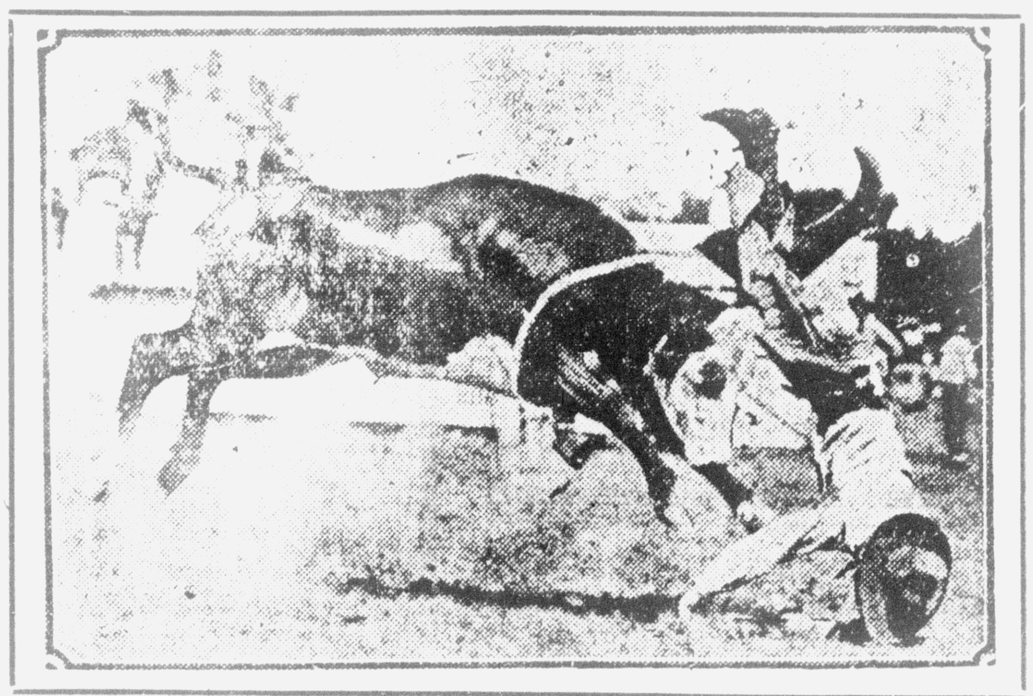
ever staged in this part of the state, under direct management of Col. Bob Malone, king-pin in the western features entertainment. Bad horses, wild steers and riders that have thrilled devotees of the Rodeo throughout Northwestern states.



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